

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Temple University (2020)

M.A., History, Temple University (2012)

B.A., English, Messiah University (2009)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director, The E. Morris and Leone Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan Studies, Messiah University, 2013–present

Assistant Professor of American Religious History and Interdisciplinary Studies, Messiah University, 2021–present

Senior Lecturer in the Humanities, Messiah University, 2019–2021

Lecturer in the Humanities, Messiah University, 2017–2019

Adjunct Instructor, Messiah University, 2013–2017

CURRENT RESEARCH

Storyteller: The Life and Times of E. Morris Sider. Book manuscript in progress; under contract with the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.

New history of the Brethren in Christ Church in North America. Book manuscript in progress; under contract with the Brethren in Christ Historical Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Exhibiting Evangelicalism: Commemoration and Religion's Presence of the Past (Amherst, MA: University of Massachusetts Press, 2022) [under contract].

Journal Articles

“Billy Graham’s Heart Religion: Emotion and ‘America’s Pastor,’” *Fides et Historia* 52, no. 2 (Summer/Fall 2020): 50-71.

“‘Unity in Diversity’: Negotiating Communal Boundaries in the Brethren in Christ Church, 1935-1950,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 40, no. 3 (December 2017): 353-373.

“From Second Work to Secondary Status: The Shifting Role of Holiness Theology in the Brethren in Christ Church,” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 52, no. 2 (Fall 2017): 63-91. Reprinted in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 42, no. 2 (August 2019): 249-279.

“Prophet and President: Myron S. Augsburger and the Mennonite History of Evangelical Higher Education,” *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 39, no. 3 (October 2016): 136-142.

“Born-Again Brethren in Christ: Anabaptism, Evangelicalism, and the Cultural Transformation of a Plain People,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 90, no. 2 (April 2016): 203-237.

“Beyond ‘Indianapolis ’50’: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 36, no. 3 (December 2013): 433-463.

“Minding the Church: The Scholarship and Denominational Service of Luke L. Keefer Jr.,” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 35, no. 3 (December 2012): 414-429.

“Pietism as a ‘Usable Past’ in the Brethren in Christ Church,” *The Covenant Quarterly* 70, no. 2 (August/ November 2012): 60-65.

“Between Legalism and Liberalism: The Brethren in Christ Construct a New (Evangelical) Identity, 1945-1965” *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 34, no. 3 (December 2011): 347-386.

Book Chapters

“Encounters with the Spirit among the Quiet in the Land: A Case Study of American Mennonites and Charismatic Renewal,” in *Transatlantic Charismatic Renewal, c. 1950-2000*, eds. Andrew Atherstone, Mark Hutchison, and John Maiden (London: Brill, 2021), 190-214.

“Sacred Subjects: Religion and Commemoration in America,” in *Commemoration: The Association for State and Local History Guide*, ed. Seth C. Bruggeman (Lanham, Md.: Rowman & Littlefield, 2017), 89-98.

“A Witness to the Good: A Biographical Sketch of Luke L. Keefer Jr.,” in *Celebrations and Convictions: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Luke L. Keefer, Jr.*, eds. J. Robert

Douglass and Wyndy Corbin Reuschling (Grantham, Pa.: Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2015), 3-20.

“Biography of Luke Jr. and Doris Bowman Keefer,” in *Worthy of the Calling: Biographies of Paul and Lela Swalm Hostetler, Harvey and Erma Heise Sider, and Luke Jr. and Doris Bowman Keefer*, ed. E. Morris Sider (Grantham, Pa.: Brethren in Christ Historical Society Press, 2014), 100-150.

Review Essays

“The Not-So-Quiet in the Land: The Anabaptist Turn in Recent American Evangelical Historiography,” *The Conrad Grebel Review* 33, no. 3 (Fall 2015): 359-371. A review of David R. Swartz, *Moral Minority: The Evangelical Left in an Age of Conservatism*; Brantley W. Gasaway, *Progressive Evangelicals and the Pursuit of Social Justice*; and Molly Worthen, *Apostles of Reason: The Crisis of Authority in American Evangelicalism*.

Book Reviews

Review of Lauren R. Kerby, *Saving History: How White Evangelicals Tour the Nation's Capital and Redeem a Christian America*, in *The Journal of Church and State* 63, no. 2 (Spring 2021): 347-349.

Review of Jared S. Burkholder, ed., *Brethren Intersections: History, Identity, Crosscurrents*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 95, no. 2 (April 2021): 267-269.

Review of David A. Hollinger, *When This Mask of Flesh is Broken: The Story of an American Protestant Family*, in *Anabaptist Witness* 7, no. 1 (May 2020): 113-115.

Review of Cara Lea Burnidge, *A Peaceful Conquest: Woodrow Wilson, Religion, and the New World Order*, in *Strategic Visions: The Newsletter of the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy* 17, no. 2 (Spring 2018).

Review of Michael G. Thompson, *For God and Globe: Christian Internationalism in the United States between the Great War and the Cold War*, in *Strategic Visions: The Newsletter of the Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy* 16, no. 2 (Spring 2017).

Review of H. Larry Ingle, *Nixon's First Cover-Up: The Religious Life of a Quaker President*, in *Fides et Historia* 49, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2017): 173-174.

Review of Matthew Bowman, *The Urban Pulpit: New York City and the Fate of Liberal Evangelicalism*, in *New York History* 97, no. 1 (Winter 2016): 106-109.

Review of Brian Froese, *California Mennonites*, in *Fides et Historia* 48, no. 1 (Winter/Spring 2016): 214-216.

Review of Nathan E. Yoder, *Together in the Work of the Lord: A History of Conservative Mennonite Conference*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 89, no. 2 (April 2015), 327-330.

Review of Duane C. S. Stoltzfus, *Pacifists in Chains: The Persecution of the Hutterites During the Great War*, in *Church History* 84, no. 1 (March 2015), 266-267.

Review of Jared S. Burkholder and David C. Cramer, eds., *The Activist Impulse: Essays on the Intersection of Evangelicalism and Anabaptism*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 36, no. 2 (August 2013), 321-325.

Review of Tobin Miller Shearer, *Daily Demonstrators: The Civil Rights Movement in Mennonite Homes and Sanctuaries*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 35, no. 1 (April 2012), 269-272.

Review of Randall Balmer, *The Making of Evangelicalism: From Revivalism to Politics and Beyond*, in *Brethren in Christ History and Life* 34, no. 3 (December 2011), 596-599.

Review of Paul W. Nisly, *Shared Faith, Bold Vision, Enduring Promise: The Maturing Years of Messiah College*, in *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 85, no. 3 (July 2011), 542-544.

Blogging

Anabaptist Historians [www.anabaptisthistorians.org] (founding editor and contributor), 2016–2019.

The Search for Piety and Obedience [www.devinthomas.wordpress.com], 2009–2015.

Encyclopedia Entries and Other Writing

“Wallis, Jim” and “Bender, Harold S.” In *Opposition to War: An Encyclopedia of United States Peace and Antiwar Movements*, ed. Mitchell K. Hall (Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-CLIO, 2018).

“Mennonites in Philadelphia,” *The Encyclopedia of Greater Philadelphia*, eds. Charlene Mires, Howard Gillette, and Randall Miller (Camden, N.J.: Regional Center for the Humanities, Rutgers University-Camden, 2017), <http://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/mennonites/>

“Skinner, Tom,” “Pannell, William E.,” and “Williamson, Sarah C.,” *African-American National Biography*, eds. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham (New York: Oxford University Press, 2012-2013).

With Lucille Marr, “Swalm, Ernest J.,” *Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online* (2012), [http://gameo.org/index.php?title=Swalm,_Ernest_J._\(1897-1991\)/](http://gameo.org/index.php?title=Swalm,_Ernest_J._(1897-1991)/).

Church Press and Miscellaneous Writing (Selected)

“Opened Doors: Caring for Refugees in the Wake of the Vietnam War,” *Shalom! A Journal for the Practice of Reconciliation*, Fall 2016, 12.

“Curing Hate with Love,” *In Part*, Spring/Summer 2016, 4.

“Heeding God’s Call,” *In Part*, Fall/Winter 2015, 4.

“Myron Augsburger and the Mennonite History of the CCCU,” *Mennonite World Review*, September 16, 2015, <http://mennoworld.org/2015/09/16/the-world-together/myron-augsburger-and-the-mennonite-history-of-the-cccu/>

“Mennonites, Evangelicals, and the Sexuality Debate in Christian Higher Education,” *Mennonite World Review*, September 15, 2015, <http://mennoworld.org/2015/09/15/the-world-together/mennonites-evangelicals-and-the-sexuality-debate-in-christian-higher-education/>

“No Turning Back,” *In Part*, Spring/Summer 2015, 4.

“Different and Distinct: Nonconformity’s Invitation to a New Reality,” *In Part*, Spring 2014, 4-7.

“Imagining ‘an Alternative to the Sword,’” *Mennonite World Review*, May 6, 2014, <http://mennoworld.org/2014/05/06/the-world-together/imagining-an-alternative-to-the-sword/>

“In Search of a Usable Past: Doing History in the Anabaptist Tradition,” *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 37, no. 2 (April 2014): p. 39. Introductory comments for a special edition of *PMH* focused on research and writing by young Anabaptist historians.

“A Defining Moment: How Pietism Transformed Early Brethren in Christ—and Has Potential to Do So Again,” *In Part*, Spring 2013, 4-7.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers, Roundtables, and Panel Discussions

Participant, “The Imaginary Turn in Evangelical Scholarship.” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Church History, New York City, 4 January 2020.

“Interpreting ‘America’s Pastor’: Evangelicalism, Public Commemoration, and the Many Meanings of Billy Graham.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Organization of American History, Philadelphia, Pa., 4 April 2019.

Participant, “Radical Activists, Faith Communities, Settlement Houses, and More: The Many Roots of Public History and Why They Matter for the Future of the Field.” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History, Hartford, Conn., 28 March 2019.

Participant, “Remembering Billy Graham: New Scholarly Directions.” Roundtable discussion at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Church History, Chicago, Ill., 5 January 2019.

“‘Not . . . a Monument to Billy Graham’: Commemoration and Christian Nostalgia at the Billy Graham Library.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Denver, Colo., 19 November 2018.

“Exhibiting Evangelicalism: Protestant Public Memory at the Billy Graham Center Museum.” Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich., 7 October 2018.

“‘Keeping the Lines of Communication Open’: The Malone Consultations and the Limits of Neighborliness in American Protestantism in the Mid-Twentieth Century.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Church History, Washington, D.C., 7 January 2018.

“‘Unity in Diversity’: Negotiating Communal Boundaries in the Brethren in Christ Church, 1930-1950.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Communal Studies Association, Zoar Village State Memorial, Zoar, Ohio, 7 October 2017.

“(Un)Becoming ‘Radicals’: Public Memory, Collective Identity, and the Dynamic Uses of the Radical Reformation in North American Mennonite History.” Presented at the “From Reformation to Reformations” Conference, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 21 September 2017.

“A Woman’s Place: Gendered Boundaries and the ‘Evangelical Turn’ of the Brethren in Christ Church.” Presented at the “Crossing the Line” Conference, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va., 23 June 2017.

“From Second Work to Secondary Status: The Shifting Status of Holiness Theology in the Brethren in Christ Church.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society, Asbury Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., 3 March 2017.

“Encounters with the Spirit: North American Anabaptists and Charismatic Renewal, 1950-2000.” Presented at the “Charismatic Renewal in Historical Perspective” Conference, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, Oxford, England, UK, 14 September 2016.

“From Bible School to ‘Grantham University’: Educational Mission and Identity in the History of Messiah College, 1909-2009.” Presented at the “Mennonite Education: Past, Present, and Future” Conference, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, 16 October 2015.

“Prophet and President: Myron Augsburger and the Mennonite History of Evangelical Higher Education.” Presented at the “What Young Historians Are Thinking” Symposium, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, Lancaster, Pa., 12 October 2015.

“Choosing to Serve: Reflections on Ernest L. Boyer’s Theological and Educational Sensibilities.” Presented at the “A Vocational Anchor in a Sea of Change: The Enduring Influence of Ernest L. Boyer, Sr.” Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 10 October 2015.

Participant, “The Historian’s Role in Managing Institutional Change.” Roundtable discussion at the Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., 27 September 2014.

“Back to the Future: Tracing the Religious Roots of Messiah College, 1909-2009.” Presented at the “Historic Religious Roots and the Future of Higher Education” Symposium, Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, 12 April 2014.

“Born-Again Brethren in Christ: Countercultural Religion in an Age of Evangelicalism.” Presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., 5 October 2012.

Participant, “Pietism, Churches, and a ‘Usable Past.’” Roundtable discussion at the Colloquium on Pietism Studies, Bethel University, Minneapolis, Minn., 20 April 2012.

“Between Legalism and Liberalism: The Brethren in Christ, the ‘New Evangelicals,’ and the Rhetoric of Religious Identity in Postwar America.” Presented at the “History, Protestantism, and Identity in the Americas” Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, 6 October 2011.

Panelist, “Attitudes and Perspectives Regarding Tradition.” Panel discussion at the “Tradition: Burden or Blessing?” Conference, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 11 November 2010.

Invited Talks

“A Defining Moment: Pietism, ‘Heart Religion,’ and the Brethren in Christ.” Symposium on What is Pietism?, The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, 7 March 2020.

“A Witness to the Good: The Life and Ministry of Luke L. Keefer Jr., in the Brethren in Christ Church.” Symposium on the Life and Legacy of Dr. Luke Keefer, Jr., Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio, 3 October 2015.

“Born-Again Brethren in Christ: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism.” Annual Meeting of the Brethren in Christ Historical Society, Grantham Brethren in Christ Church, Grantham, Pa., 5 October 2013.

“Born-Again Brethren in Christ: The Brethren in Christ Church in an Age of Evangelicalism.” The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, Pa., 19 March 2013.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER HONORS

The Fred R. Zimring Prize, Temple University, 2019–2020.

German Academic Exchange Program Fellowship, May 2019.

Dissertation Fellowship, The Louisville Institute, 2018–2019.

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College, 2019.

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Temple University College of Liberal Arts, 2017.

Roy M. Showalter Research Grant, Mennonite Historical Association of the Cumberland Valley, 2016.

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College, 2016.

Evangelism Research Grant, Billy Graham Center Archives at Wheaton College, 2013.

Graduate Student Travel Grant, Temple University College of Liberal Arts, 2011.

COURSES TAUGHT

Messiah University (2013-Present)

- THEO 205: Introduction to Christian Theology
- THEO 211: Brethren in Christ Life and Thought
- THEO 217: The Wesleyan/Holiness Tradition
- RELI 342: Religious Pluralism in America
- RELI 355: Christianity in North America
- HIST 142: U.S. History Survey Since 1865
- HIST 391: Historical Study of Peace
- PACS 495: Senior Seminar
- IDFY 101: First-Year Writing Seminar
- IDFY 102: First-Year Writing Seminar (Honors)
- IDCR 151: Created and Called for Community (First-Year Core Course)

PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE

Public History Positions

Director of Archives, Messiah University, 2019–present.

The Director of Archives supervises three distinct archival units, each with its own unique identity and collecting policy: the Archives of Messiah University, the Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives, and the Ernest L. Boyer Center Archives. The units share a common mission to preserve and provide access to materials that document the history of Messiah University, its faculty, its alumni, and its founding denomination, the Brethren in Christ Church. The director creates and administers a department budget, sets policy, performs routine archival tasks (including accession, arrangement, description, and access), manages a part-time professional staff person and several work-study students, oversees and recruits volunteers, and represents the archives on various university-wide committees and to various community and scholarly organizations.

Archives Coordinator, The Ernest L. Boyer Center, Messiah University, 2014–2019.

Supervised, administered, and preserved the papers of Ernest L. Boyer Sr., a major figure in mid-twentieth century American education, as well as several smaller collections related to the work of the Ernest L. Boyer Center. Working under the Center’s director and managing a team of work-study students and undergraduate interns, I updated and redesigned the Archives’ website, co-authored a comprehensive finding aid of the Boyer Papers, supervised ongoing digitization efforts, and developed policies for care and preservation of the Archives’ paper holdings, among other initiatives.

Special Collections Intern, Special Collections Division, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2012.

Completed two-month internship under the direction of Curator of Special Collections; assisted with reference services, reading room supervision, and online research requests; and contributed to the Theological Commons digitization project.

Student Processor, Philadelphia Area Consortium of Special Collections Libraries, 2011.

Contributed to the Consortium’s “Hidden Collections” initiative, a grant-funded project to make available previously unprocessed archival and manuscript collections; processed numerous collections at both the Presbyterian Historical Society and Rosenbach Museum and Library, using the Greene and Meissner “More Product, Less Process” technique for archival processing; and co-authored finding aids for each processed collection at both institutions.

Congregational History Work

Committed to Community: A Centennial History of the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church, booklet published to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church, 2012.

Digital Projects

“Born-Again Brethren: The Brethren in Christ and American Evangelicalism,” 2012: A web exhibit exploring the interactions between the Brethren in Christ and the American evangelical movement, www.bornagainbrethren.wordpress.com.

Consulting

Invited participant, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society planning workshop for Willow Street Campus (1719 Hans Herr House, Eastern Woodlands Longhouse, etc.), Lancaster, Pa., 2017. [Declined]

Consultant, Brethren in Christ Historical Library and Archives and Archives of Messiah College Digitization Initiative, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 2012.

Consultant, The Ernest L. Boyer Center Archives Digitization Initiative, Messiah College, Grantham, Pa., 2011-2012.

Invited participant, Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Strategic Planning Retreat, Lancaster, Pa., 2011.

Exhibitions and Miscellaneous Projects

Exhibition contributor, First Person Museum, Painted Bride Art Center, Philadelphia, Pa., 2010.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Living Our Faith: Exploring Brethren in Christ Core Practices,” Messiah University, 2021.

“Re-focusing Our Faith: Revisiting Brethren in Christ Core Values After Twenty Years,” Messiah University, 2020.

“Empowering Women in Ministry,” Messiah University, 2019. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, Ambassador and General Superintendent Emerita, The Wesleyan Church.

“Prophetic Mission: Being Brethren in Christ in a Post-Church Age,” Messiah University, 2018.

“Prophetic Witness: Being the Church in a Post-Church Age,” Messiah University, 2017.
“Not Conformed: The Church, the World, and Christian Discipleship in the 21st Century,” Messiah University, 2016. Keynote Speaker: Mark Labberton, President, Fuller Theological Seminary.

“Life Beyond the Congregation: The Future of Denominations in the 21st Century,” Messiah University, 2015. Keynote Speaker: Roger E. Olson, Foy Valentine Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics, Truett Theological Seminary, Baylor University.

“Who’s In? Who’s Out?: Rethinking Church Membership in the 21st Century,” Messiah University, 2014.

“Do Justice: A Biblical Mandate for the Church,” Messiah University, 2013.

SERVICE

Disciplinary

Peer reviewer of one or more manuscripts for *Fides et Historia*, *Brethren in Christ History and Life*, and *Anabaptist Witness*.

Steering Committee, Religion, History, and Memory Unit, American Academy of Religion, 2019–present

Executive Committee, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2010–2015, 2019–present

Editorial Committee, Brethren in Christ Historical Society, 2009–2012.

Institutional

Member, Digital Repository Task Force, Messiah University, 2018–2019.

Member, First-Year Core Course Steering Committee, Messiah University, 2014–2018.

Departmental

Member, Peace and Conflict Studies Program Committee, Messiah University, 2013–present.

Community

At-Large Member, Board of Directors, Germantown Mennonite Historic Trust, 2015–present.

At-Large Member, Church Board, The Grantham Church, 2016–2019.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Academy of Religion
- American Society of Church History
- National Council on Public History
- Brethren in Christ Historical Society
- Mennonite Historical Society
- Conference on Faith and History

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

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