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Biographical Data

Born: February 19, 1945 Wolseley, Saskatchewan, Canada
Married: Jeanette Diane Patterson 1968
Children: Susan Ruth (January 25, 1975); James Bruce (June 11, 1976)

Educational Background

Ph.D. University of Aberdeen, 1979–1984 (Religious Studies)
M.A. Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1970–1972 (Mission Studies)
B.R.E. Providence College (Winnipeg Bible College), 1968 (Humanities and Biblical Languages)
Dip.Th. Briercreech Bible Institute, 1966 (Pastoral Studies Emphasis)

History of Professional Employment and Activities

September–December 2006, 2008 Visiting Professor of Mission and Evangelism, Yale Divinity School
February 2005–present Adjunct Professor, Department of Mission Studies, Presbyterian College and Theological Seminary, Seoul, Korea.
July 2000–present Executive Director, Overseas Ministries Study Center
July 2000–present Editor, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*
July 1997–June 2000 Associate editor, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*
July 1997–June 2000 Associate Director, Overseas Ministries Study Center
1995–present Project Director, *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*.

- 1994–1997 Chairman and Professor, Global Christian Studies, Providence Theological Seminary.
- 1988–1995 Chairman, Division of Professional Studies, Providence College and Seminary.
- 1985–1997 Founder and Director, May Institute of Mission Studies, Providence Theological Seminary, 1985–1997.
- 1974–1976 Famine relief and development worker with SIM in Ethiopia – director for Tigre Province
- 1972–1997 Founder and Director, Ida Grace McRuer Missions Resource Centre (relocated to the Centre for the Study of Christianity in Non-Western Lands at the University of Edinburgh in July, 1997)
- 1972–1997 Lecturer/Professor of Mission Studies at Providence College and Theological Seminary, 1972–1974, 1976–1997.

Research Interests

- (1) The social, communicatory, ecclesiastical dynamics of economic inequity in close proximity with special reference to the Christian missionary enterprise from the west
- (2) African Christian Biography
- (3) Missiological Reference Tools
- (4) Gospel and Ethics
- (5) Mission and Violence
- (6) Gospel and Ethics

Collaborative Projects in Progress

Dictionary of African Christian Biography. I am presently director of a collaborative effort involving more than one hundred African universities, seminaries, and research institutes to produce a multi-lingual (English, French, Portuguese, Swahili, Arabic), non-proprietary, electronic (WWW & CD-ROM) *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*. I make annual trips to Africa, networking with our 98 participating institutions (universities, seminaries, research centers), lecturing at various universities and seminaries, and working on expanding this network across Africa. For further information, check out the website: www.dacb.org

Publications

Books—Published

“*Not the bloom, but the fruit ...*” *Conversion and its Consequences in Nineteenth-Century Missionary Discourse*. Yale Divinity School Library, Occasional Publication No. 17. New Haven, CT: Yale Divinity School Library, 2003.

Money and Missions: Affluence as a Western Missionary Problem. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis Books, 1991. (Eleventh printing – 2004; First Indian edition published by Intercultural Publications, New Delhi, 1996). Second edition, revised and expanded, published in 2007.

The Theory and Practice of Missionary Identification, 1860 - 1920. Volume II of the 'History of Missions' series. New York: Edwin Mellen Press, 1989.

The World at War, The Church at Peace: A Biblical Perspective. Winnipeg, Manitoba, and Hillsboro, Kansas: Kindred Press, 1988.

An Annotated and Classified Bibliography of English Literature Pertaining to the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. ATLA Bibliography Series, No. 11. Metuchen: The American Theological Library Association and The Scarecrow Press, 1984.

Books Published—Edited

Speaking About What We Have Seen and Heard: Evangelism in Global Perspective. New Haven, CT: OMSC Publications, 2007.

Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries. Routledge Religion and Society Series, Vol. 9. New York, NY: Routledge, 2007.

Changing our Response: Mission in the Era of HIV/AIDS. New Haven, CT: OMSC, 2004.

Islam and Christianity: Contemporary Mission Insights. Selections from the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*. New Haven, CT: OMSC, 2004.

Between Past and Future: Evangelical Mission Entering the Twenty-first Century. Evangelical Missiological Society Series, No. 10. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003.

Book Chapters

“Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Invisible Continent.” Afe Adogame, Roswith Gerloff and Klaus Hock, editors. *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The Appropriation of a Shattered Heritage*. London, UK: Continuum International Publishing Group, 2008. Pp. 20–32.

“‘And They Marveled ...’ Mammon as Miracle in Western Missionary Encounter.” James R. Krabill, Walter Sawatsky, and Charles Van Engen, editors, *Evangelical, Ecumenical, and Anabaptist Missiologies in Conversation. Essays in Honor of Wilbert R. Shenk*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2006. Pp. 78–87.

“Transforming Relationships.” *Anabaptists Meeting Muslims: A Calling for Presence in the Way of Christ*. Edited by James R. Krabill, David W. Shenk, and Linford

- Stutzman. Scottsdale, PA: and Waterloo, Ontario: Herald Press. 2005. Pp.75–81.
- “Foreword.” *Anabaptists Meeting Muslims: A Calling for Presence in the Way of Christ*. Edited by James R. Krabill, David W. Shenk, and Linford Stutzman. Scottsdale, PA: and Waterloo, Ontario: Herald Press. 2005. Pp. 13–16.
- “Missions and Economic Life.” *International Mission Bibliography: 1960 – 2000*. Edited by Norman E. Thomas. Lanham, Maryland, and Oxford: The Scarecrow Press, 2003. Pp. 303–328.
- “Between Past and Future: Non-Western Theological Education Entering the Twenty-first Century.” *Between Past and Future: Evangelical Mission Entering the Twenty-first Century*. Evangelical Missiological Society Series, No. 10. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003, pp. 121 – 146.
- “Contextualizing Theological Education and Mission outside the United States,” in *Be My Witnesses: Essays in Honour of Dr. Sebastian Karotemprel SDB*. Edited by Dr. Jose Varickasseril SDB and Dr. Mathew Karaipuram SDB. Shillong: Vendrame Institute Publications and Don Bosco Centre for Indigenous Cultures, Sacred Heart Theological College, 2001, pp. 79 – 87.
- "Mission and the Problem of Affluence," in *Toward Century 21 in Christian Mission*. Essays in Honor of Gerald H. Anderson, Director, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, Connecticut, Editor, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, edited by James M. Phillips and Robert T. Coote. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, March 1993, pp. 295 – 309.
- “Missions and Economic Life,” in *International Mission Bibliography. 1960 –2000*. Norman E. Thomas, General Editor. ATLA Bibliography Series, No. 48. Lanham, MD, and Oxford, UK: Scarecrow Press, 2003, pp. 303 – 328.
- “Missions and Mammon: Six Theses,” in *Ministry & Theology in Global Perspective: Contemporary Challenges for the Church*, edited by Don A. Pittman, Ruben L. F. Habito, and Terry C. Muck. Grand Rapids: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1996, pp. 309–314.
- “Engaging Escobar ... and beyond,” in *Global Missiology for the 21st Century: The Iguassu Dialogue*, edited by William D. Taylor. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2000, pp. 47–55.
- “Between Past and Future: Non-Western Theological Education Entering the Twenty-first Century,” in *Between Past and Future: Evangelical Mission Entering the Twenty-first Century*, edited by Jonathan J. Bonk. Evangelical Missiological Society Series, No. 10. Pasadena, CA: William Carey Library, 2003, pp. 121–146.

Collaborative Publications

Mission Studies Resource Development Project: Final Report, Prepared by Stephen L. Peterson, Project Director...; Jonathan J. Bonk, Project Associate...; Joan Duffy, Research

Assistant...; Under a Grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Grant Number 92-03637-000. August 1994.

Articles-Published

As editor of the quarterly *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, I have written the editorials since July 2000.

In addition to a variety of articles, bibliographic essays, and reviews appearing in *Advance*, *Christian Week*, *Didaskalia*, *The Eyewitness*, *Moody Monthly*, *The Evangelical Beacon*, *Journal of Mennonite Studies*, *The Messenger*, *Student Mission Advance*, *World Christian*, *Missiology*, *Mission Focus*, *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, *The Bulletin of the Scottish Institute of Mission Studies*, and *International Bulletin of Mission Research*.

2007 “Salvation and Other Religions: Reflections from a Crossroads.” *Mission Focus: Annual Review*, Vol. 15 (2007), pp. 73–93.

2007 “Africa Unbound.” *Christianity Today* (November 2007), pp. 47–51.

2007 “Following Jesus in Contexts of Power and Violence.” *Evangelical Review of Theology*, Vol. 31, No. 4 (October 2007), pp. 342–357.

2005 “Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Problem of Africa.” *History in Africa*, Vol. 32 (2005), pp. 117–132.

2004 “Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Invisible Continent.” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (October 2004), pp. 153–158.

2004. *New Dictionary of National Biography* (edited by H.C.G. Matthew). Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Griffith John, 1831–1912

Timothy Richard, 1845–1919

2003 “Studd, C. T. (1860 – 1931)” in Timothy Larsen, ed., with David Bebbington and Mark A. Noll, *Biographical Dictionary of Evangelicals*. Leicester, UK: Inter-Varsity Press, 2003.

2003 “Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association” and “Overseas Ministries Study Center.” *Religion in Geschichte un Gegenwart: Handwörterbuch für Theologie un Religionswissenschaft*. Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2001, 2002.

2001 “Ethiopia” and “Ethiopian Orthodox Church” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*, Volume II.E-I. Edited by Erwin Fahlbusch, Jan Milič Lochman, John Mbiti, Jaroslav Pelikan, and Lukas Vischer. Translator and English-language editor, Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Statistical editor, David B. Barrett. Grand Rapids, Michigan/Cambridge, U.K.: William. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Leiden/Boston/Köln: E. J. Brill, 2000.

2000 “Frank C. Laubach.” *The Encyclopedia of Christianity* (edited by Erwin Fahlbusch, Jan Milič Lochman, John Mbiti, Jaroslav Pelikan, and Lukas Vischer. Translator and

English-language editor, Geoffrey W. Bromiley. Statistical editor, David B. Barrett.)
Grand Rapids, Michigan/Cambridge, U.K.: William. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company;
Leiden/Boston/Köln: E. J. Brill, 2000.

- 2000 “Missionary Activities: Minimizing Adverse Reactions Without Sacrificing Rights to Manifestation.” *Fides et Libertas.. The Journal of the International Religious Liberty Association*, (2000), 89–94. (From a paper presented at a Conference on Religious Freedom and Foreign Policy arranged by the United States Department of State, Washington, May 11, 2000).
- 2000 “Thinking Small: Global Mission and American Churches.” *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XXVII, No. 2 (April 2000), 149–161.
- 1999 “On the Missiological Creation of the World: Some Personal Observations on Missiological Tools and Toolmakers Made in the Course of Preparing a Selective Bibliography of 200 Years of Missiological Reference.” *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XXVII, No. 1 (January 1999), 5–15.
- 1999 “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography: A Proposal for Revising Ecclesiastical Maps.” *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XXVII, No. 1 (January 1999), 71–83.
- 1998 Twenty-one articles for the *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions*, edited by Gerald H. Anderson. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 1998.

William Carpenter Bompas, 1834–1906
Thomas Crosby, 1840–1914
William Duncan, 1832–1918
Ghebra Michael, 1791–1885
Samuel Gobat, 1799–1879
Vital Justin Grandin, 1829–1902
James Henry Emmanuel Hemans, 1856–1908
Edward Coode Hore, 1848–1922
Griffith John, 1831–1912
David Picton Jones, 1860–1936
Robert Machray, 1831–1904
Robert McDonald, 1829–1913
Walter Henry Medhurst, 1796–1857
Andreas Oviedo 1518–1577
Pedro Paez, 1564–1662
Robert Rundle, 1811–1866
Bakht Singh, 1903–
C.T. Studd, 1860–1931
J.E.K. Studd, 1858–1944
Täklä-Haymanot, c.1215– c1313
Zakaryas, c.1845–1920

- 1997 “Thinking Small: Global Missions and American Churches.” *Didaskalia: The Journal of Providence theological Seminary*, Vol. 9, No. 1 (Fall 1997), 1–25.

- 1997 "Singing the Spirit's Song: Finding Freedom from Affluence." *Health and Development*, Number 1 (1997), 3–10.
- 1994 "Globalization and Mission Education." *Theological Education: Globalization and the Practical Theological Disciplines*, Vol. XXX, No. 1 (Autumn 1993), 47–94.
- 1993 "Mosaics and Melting Pots: Canadian Grout vs. U.S. Gravy: A Response to Reginald Bibby." *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XXI, No. 4 (October 1993), 431–433.
- 1993 "Subliminal Agnosticism and the Christian Mission." *Didaskalia*, Vol. 5, No. 1 (Fall 1993), 19–38.
- 1992 "The Power of money as a missionary problem." *Together: A Journal of World Vision International*, 33 (January-March 1992), 9.
- 1991 "Small is [Still] Beautiful in Missions." *Transformation: An International Dialogue on Evangelical Social Ethics*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (January/March, 1991), 26–31.
- 1990 "Coptic Church." *New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, second edition edited by J. D. Douglas. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1990.
- 1990 "Ethiopian Orthodox Church." *New Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, edited by J. D. Douglas. Grand Rapids: Baker Book House, 1990.
- 1990 "Reflections on Recruiting Missionaries Today." *SEDOS Bulletin*, Vol. 22 (February 15, 1990), 42–47.
- 1989 "Missions and Money: Affluence and the Communication of the Gospel." Part 2 of a Two-Part Series. *World Christian*, Vol. 8, No. 10 (December 1989), 22–28.
- 1989 "Missions and Money: Relational Costs of Missionary Affluence." Part I of a Two-Part Series. *World Christian*, Vol. 8, No. 9 (November 1989), 30–33.
- 1989 "Doing Mission out of Affluence: Reflections on Recruiting 'End of the Procession' Missionaries from 'Front of the Procession' Churches. (I Corinthians 4:1–13)." *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. XVII, No. 4 (October 1989), 427–452.
- 1989 "Missions and Mammon: Six Theses." For *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Vol. 13, No. 3 (July 1989), 174–181.
- 1989 "Wanted: 'End of the Procession' Apostles." *His Dominion: Journal of the Faculty of Canadian Theological Seminary*. Vol. 15, No. 1 (1989), 2–16.
- 1989 "We Can't Afford Affluence: We must not confuse the good news of the gospel with the good news of plenty," in *Advance*, (Spring 1989), 5–7.
- 1987 "Missions and Economic Life: An Annotated Bibliography" (Co-authored with Norman Thomas), in *Missiology: An International Review*. Vol. XV, No. 4 (October 1987), 556–559.

- 1987 "Affluence—The Achilles Heel." *Evangelical Review of Theology*. Vol. 11, No. 3 (July 1987), pp. 209–217. (Reprint of article appearing in *EMQ*, October 1985).
- 1986 "The Role of Affluence in the Christian Missionary Enterprise from the West." in *Missiology: An International Review*. Vol. XIV, No. 4 (October 1986), 437–461.
- 1985 "Affluence: Achilles' Heel of Christian Missions?" in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol. 21, No. 4 (October 1985), 382–390.
- 1984 "Rich, Poor, and Missions," in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol. 20. No. 4 (October 1984), 389–391.
- 1980 "All Things to All Persons: The Missionary as a Racist-Imperialist, 1860–1910: A Study in Historical Irony," in *Missiology: An International Review*, Vol. 8, No. 3 (July 1980), 285–306.
- 1978 "Third World Socialism in Biblical Perspective," in *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (October 1978), 213–218.
- 1972 "Toward an Approach to the Gurage," in *Trinity Studies* (Vol. II, 1972), 37–47.

Articles/Book Chapters Awaiting Publication

- "Money, Wealth," *Global Dictionary of Theology*. Downers Grove: IVP, 2007.
- "Africa Inland Mission", "Balokolo Revival Movement", "John E. Church", Alexis Kagame", "Blassio Kizosi", "Loierera Lasarene Laiser". *The New Westminster Dictionary of Church History*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2007.
- "Rendering unto Caesar: The Case of the London Missionary Society in Central Africa, 1878–1906", *The Bulletin of the Scottish Institute of Mission Studies*.

Electronic Publications

- 2005 "Researching World Christianity: Doctoral Dissertations on Mission Since 1900. English Language." Produced by the INTERNATIONAL BULLETIN OF MISSIONARY RESEARCH in collaboration with the Yale University Divinity School Library. Available online and on CD-ROM.
- 1995–present *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*, an ongoing inter-ecclesiastical, multi-lingual, pan-African project, in English, French, Portuguese and French, currently in its thirteenth year.
- 1995 Electronic index for the Ida Grace McRuer Missions Resource Centre's collection of mission-related serials in Global Mapping International's *20/21 Library of Mission and Evangelism Resources on CD-ROM*. The Ida Grace McRuer Missions Resource Centre was relocated to the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World in 1997; in 2008 it was again relocated to Liverpool Hope University as a part of the Andrew F. Walls Centre for the Study of Christianity in Africa and Asia.

Collaborative Academic Projects/Consultations

Project Associate (with Stephen Peterson, Trinity College, Hartford CT) for "Resource Development Program for Mission Studies and World Christianity", January 1993 - July 1994, funded by the Pew Foundation. Published for PEW as *Mission Studies Resource Development Project: Final Report*, Prepared by Stephen L. Peterson, Project Director ... Jonathan J. Bonk, Project Associate ... Joan Duffy, Research Assistant ... August, 1994.

Select Professional Conferences, Symposia, Consultations

- 2008 Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. Annual Burgess Lecture, November 5. "Gospel and Ethics."
- 2008 Presenter at the 18th Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity, July 3–5, 2008 at the University of Edinburgh: "Skypilot: Fighting Missionary of the Far North."
- 2008 Presenter at the colloquium in conjunction with the inauguration of the Andrew F. Walls Centre for the Study of Christianity in Africa and Asia at Liverpool-Hope University, May 23–24, "Post-Christendom Faith and Praxis in Asia and Africa."
- 2008 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield Illinois. One day seminar for Ph.D. students on Missions and Money, May 16.
- 2008 Cathedral Institute for Education and Formation and Clergy, Diocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka. February 26. Public lecture: "The Gospel and Ethics."
- 2008 Sabah Theological Seminary, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. February 21–22. Mission Forum Plenary: "What New Christianities Look Like."
- 2008 Methodist Theological Seminary, Sibuluan, Sarawak, February 20–21. Three plenary presentations in conjunction with the seminary's "Mission Awareness Week."
- 2008 Malaysian Theological Seminary Mission Forum, Seremban, February 18–20. Two plenary presentations: "Global Mission Trends."
- 2008 Lausanne Theology Working Group meeting, Suan Bua Resort, Chiang Mai, Thailand, February 10–15. Plenary Presentation: "The Gospel and Ethics."
- 2007 Asbury Theological Seminary, Post-Graduate Seminar Lecture, April 18: "Followers of Jesus, Christendom, and the Clash of Civilizations."
- 2007 Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Global Mission Roundtable, April 2, plenary presenter: "3rd Millennium Global Trends and Issues."
- 2007 Covenant Theological Seminary, World Mission Emphasis Week, Lecture Series, March 9–10: "World Mission and Global Issues."
- 2007 Lausanne Theology Working Group meeting, Limuru, Kenya, February 12–16. Plenary Presentation: "Following Jesus in Contexts of Power and Violence."

- 2006 Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Theology Guest House Lectures, October 23–26.
- 2005 Parker Foundation Lecture, “The Shape of Evangelical Mission in the 21st Century,” Richmond, Virginia, March 23.
- 2004 Plenary presenter at the 14th Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity, July 1–3, 2004 at the University of Edinburgh: ““And they marveled: Mammon as miracle in Western missionary encounters.”
- 2004 Presenter at the Eastern Mennonite Mission Board meeting, March 26, 2004, Lancaster, PA, “The Shape of Mission in the 21st Century.”
- 2004 Plenary presenter at the Annual Congress, 21–23 January 2004, of the South African Missiological Society, University of Pretoria Faculty of Theology, “Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Invisible Continent.”
- 2004 Plenary presenter at the annual meeting of the Church History Society of South Africa, 13–14 January 2004, University of Pretoria Faculty of Theology, “Ecclesiastical Cartography and the Invisible Continent.”
- 2004 Lectures on “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography” at the University of Pretoria, University of South Africa, University of Pietermaritzberg, Stellenbosch University, University of Bloemfontein, and a number of seminaries and research centers in South Africa and Namibia, January 10–31, 2004.
- 2003 Plenary presenter at the Conférence de la Diaspora Africaine Chrétienne in Europe, Berlin, September 11–15, 2003.
- 2003 Day Associates Lecture, Yale Divinity School, July 4, 2003, on the occasion of the meeting of the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and Non-Western Christianity, July 3–5, 2003. “Not the bloom, but the fruit ...” Conversion and its Consequences in Nineteenth-Century Missionary Discourse.”
- 2003 Keynote address for International Steward Consultation at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, May 19, 2003.
- 2003 Plenary presenter at Mid-West Evangelical Missiological Society Annual Meeting, March 22, 2003.
- 2003 Seminar leader for Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Ph.D. module, March 21 - 22, 2003, on “Mission and Mammon.”
- 2003 Lectures on “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography” at the University of Ibadan, the University of Calabar, the University of Port Harcourt and several seminaries in Nigeria, February 1–22, 2003.

- 2002 Lectures on “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography” at the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands, the University of Ghana, the Akrofi-Christaller Centre and a number of other seminaries and universities in Ghana, and the Urbanus University in Rome, January 26–February 16, 2002.
- 2001 Presenter at the Standing Commission on World Mission (Episcopal) consultation on “The Role of Race, Money, and Power in the World Mission of the Episcopal Church”, October 4–5, 2001, in Boston.
- 2001 Program Committee chairperson and presenter at Evangelical Missiological Society annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, September 20 - 23, 2001. Theme of conference: “Lessons in Mission from the 20th Century.” Lecture title: “Between Past and Future: North American Missions Entering the 21st Century.”
- 2001 Swallen Mission Lectures at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan September 14–15, 2001, on “Mission and Money: Western Affluence as a Missionary Problem.”
- 2002 Resource person/presenter at the NCC Forum on International Personnel in Cleveland, Ohio, April 13 - 14, 2002.
- 2001 Presenter at the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod meeting of North American Mission Executives, November 14–16, 2001, in New Orleans on the subject, “New Testament Entrepreneurship.”
- 2001 Guest lecturer at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, November 9–10, 2001, series on “Mission and Money.”
- 2001 Participant in Consultation on Nondenominational Mission Archives convened at the Billy Graham Center in Wheaton, Illinois, November 1–3, 2001, chairing working group on Oral History and giving presentation on the Dictionary of African Christian Biography.
- 2001 Outside evaluator for Wheaton Graduate School, Department of Missions and Intercultural Studies ten year review, and author of final report, November 2001.
- 2001 Lectures on “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography” at Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant seminaries in Ethiopia, Zambia, and Uganda, January 28 – February 18, 2001.
- 2001 Presenter of brief to the United States Commission for International Religious Freedom hearing on proselytism, January 9, 2001, Washington, D.C.
- 2000 May 11. Panelist, U. S. State Department Conference on Religion and Foreign Policy, Meridian International Center, Washington, D.C., addressing the question, “How can missionary activities be adjusted to minimize adverse reactions without sacrificing the right to manifest religious beliefs and practices?”
- 2000 April 5. Presenter, Andrews Society at Yale, on the Dictionary of African Christian Biography.

- 2000 Seminar, “A Proposal for Redrawing Ecclesiastical Maps,” Currents in World Christianity, Princeton Theological Seminary, March 31, 2000.
- 2000 Plenary Lecture – Jubilee 2000 Debt Relief Symposium, Winston College, Winston, Salem, March 10, 2000: “Poverty and God’s Kingdom: What shall we then do? Bringing forth fruit in keeping with repentance.”
- 2000 February 10–12. Plenary presenter, Frumentius Lectures in African Church History, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- 2000 February 1. “The Dictionary of African Christian Biography,” at the Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh
- 1999 Participant and plenary presenter, Iguassu International Missiological Consultation, Brazil, October 10–14.
- 1998 Mission and Evangelism Week Plenary Speaker, Dallas Theological Seminary Mission Week, Dallas, Texas, November.
- 1998 July 3–5, 1998. Plenary presenter (four sessions) at the annual convention of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Canada, Morris, Manitoba.
- 1997 June 19–21, 1998. 1997–1998 President of American Society of Missiology (ASM), organizer of ASM Annual Meeting in Techny, Illinois, on the theme, “The Tools of the Trade: Missiological Reference for Mission, Church and Academy.”
- 1997 Visiting Lecturer, Calvin Theological Seminary, January.
- 1997 Visiting Lecturer, Gordon Conwell Seminary, Colloquium in World Missions and Evangelism, “Missions and Money” (February 26–28, 1993; January 6–7, 1995; April 11–12, 1997).
- 1996 Myron S. Augsburger Lectureship, Eastern Mennonite University, “God’s Mission in God’s Way in Post-Christian American Society,” February 12–13.
- 1995 August 31–September 2, 1995. Organizer, convener and chairperson of a REP-funded international planning consultation at OMSC in New Haven, CT, to consider production of a non-proprietary, electronic *International Dictionary of Non-Western Christian Biography*. The outcome of this consultation was a strong mandate to proceed with a detailed proposal and plan for a *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*.
- 1995 October 31, 1995. Presenter of plenary paper, “Thinking Small: Global Missions and Canadian Churches,” for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada Consultation on Global Mission, Toronto.
- 1994 Reviewer for Pew Charitable Trusts. International Missiological Seminars Project Proposal.

- 1994 February 1, 1994. Seminar, Centre for the Study of Christianity in Non-Western Lands, University of Edinburgh. "Rendering Unto Caesar: An Appraisal of the Theory and Practice of Mission-State Encounters 1792–1992".
- 1993 December 3–5, New Haven 1993, OMSC Study Group on Mission Issues, "Geopolitics, Mission, and the Case of Africa." Respondent to A. F. Walls, "From Tertullian to Tutu: Some Geopolitical Factors in the History of African Christianity.
- 1993 November 19–21, Chicago. Twentieth Anniversary Celebration of the Chicago Declaration of Evangelical Social Concern, sponsored by Evangelicals for Social Action. Invited participant in the drafting of a new declaration, "Chicago Declaration II".
- 1993 March 19–22, Chicago. "ATS Consultation on Globalization and the Practical Theological Disciplines. Presenter: "The Globalization of Missiology".
- 1993 January 25–29. Visiting Lecturer, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven: "Facing Church-State Conflict in Missions".
- 1992 Visiting Lecturer, Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky. October 19–23.
- 1992 "From Christendom to World Christianity 1492–1792–1892–1992: Two Conferences & A Seminar Series on Sources, Resources and Methods of Study." Yale Divinity School, 26–28 March; Centre for the Study of Christianity in the Non-Western World, University of Edinburgh, 17–19 September 1992. Presenter: "Developing Research Tools: The Story of the Ida Grace McRuer Missions Resource Centre".
- 1991 International Conference of the Fellowship of Evangelical Theologians, April 11–16, Osijek, Yugoslavia, "Freedom and Justice in Church State Relations".
- 1991 Scholars Initiative for Studies in Mission and International Christianity (SISMIC), New Haven, Connecticut, February 8–9. Member of Advisory Council.
- 1990 Mennonite World Conference Program Committee 1987–1990: Recording Secretary.
- 1990 Mennonite World Conference, Assembly 12, Winnipeg, Canada July 24–29. Presenter: "Secular Ideologies".
- 1989 Mission Advance Conference, Hamilton, December 27–31. Presenter: "The Lifestyle of the Missionary".
- 1989 September. Visiting Lecturer, Briercrest Bible Institute, Caronport, Saskatchewan, on "Recruiting Missionaries in the Age of the Rich Young Ruler".
- 1989 "Second Canadian Consultation on Recruitment for Missions", August 29–30, Toronto. Jointly sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (Canada). Presenter: "Who Are We Trying to Recruit? The Pollution of the Western Missionary Recruitment Pool: Reflections on Secularism and the Western Missionary Enterprise".

- 1989 American Society of Missiology, Annual Meeting, June 16–18, Techny, Illinois. Theme: "Good News for the Poor?" Presenter: "'End of the Procession' Missionaries from Front of the Procession Churches?"
- 1989 Association of Canadian Bible Colleges Christian Educators' Conference, May 25–27, Otterburne, Manitoba. Presenter: "Preparing Missionaries for the 90's".
- 1989 Commission on Overseas Mission, General Conference Mennonite Church, Annual Meeting, Newton, Kansas, March 3–5. Presenter: "Doing Mission out of Affluence: A Call for 'End of the Procession' Missionaries".
- 1988 "Canadian Consultation on Recruitment for Missions", September 9–10, Toronto. Sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association/Canada. Presenter: "What are we Recruiting for? Wanted: 'End of the Procession' Apostles".
- 1987 November. Visiting Lecturer, Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven on "Rich & Poor: The Challenge of Affluence in Missions".
- 1985 "Theological Economics," a consultation convened at Winnipeg Theological Seminary, involving a series of lectures by Walter Block, Senior Economist at the Fraser Institute in Vancouver, with invited respondents from the University of Manitoba, January 26. Organizer and facilitator.
- 1985 Association of Evangelical Professors of Missions, Chicago, October 31–November 2. Presenter: "Affluence and Western Missionary Endeavour".
- 1984 May. Visiting Lecturer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School D. Miss. Program, on "Models for Mission: Past, Present and Future".
- 1984 "Evangelicals, Social Concerns, and Economics," a consultation held in Tucson, Arizona, February 21–23. Invited respondent.
- 1983 "Consultation on Religion and Economics," Regina, December 1–3. Invited respondent.

SABBATICALS AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- 1994 January–June Sabbatical leave for the purposes of researching mission-state encounters, 1792–1992.
- 1987–1988 Sabbatical as Research Fellow at Yale University. Research grant for book *Missions and Money* provided by the Earhart Foundation.
- 1979–1981 Sabbatical leave at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.
- 1974–1976 Leave of absence to assist with famine relief in Ethiopia.

Honors, Awards, Research Grants

- 2001–2008 A series of substantial grants in support of the Dictionary of African Christian Biography and the OMSC Artist in Residence program from Luce Foundation, Lundman Family Foundation, Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia, United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, First Fruit, Parker Foundation, and Church Missions Publishing Company.
- 2000–2001 Grant from the Church History Institute in support of the *Dictionary of African Christian Biography*.
- 1995 Planning Grant from REP (PEW Charitable Trusts) to convene August 31 - September 2 consultation to consider production of a non-proprietary, electronic *International Dictionary of Non-Western Christian Biography*.
- 1993–1994 PEW Charitable Trusts Research Enablement Program Grant.
- 1993–1994 PEW Charitable Trusts – Project Associate (with Stephen Peterson, Project Director), Resource Development Program for Mission Studies and World Christianity.
- 1987–1988 Earhart Foundation Research Fellowship, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 1968 Winnipeg Bible College Alumni Scholarship.
- 1980–1981 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship.
- 1979 American Association of Bible Colleges Honor Society – Delta Epsilon Xi.
- 1972 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Helm Kling Memorial Scholarship.

Professional Association Memberships/Offices

- American Society of Missiology (ASM). **President**, 1997–1998; 2003–2004; **Vice-President**, 1996–997; 2002 – 2003; **Second Vice-President**, 1995–1996; Member of the **ASM Series Editorial Committee**, from 1997.
- American Society of Missiology East. **2nd Vice President**, 1998 - 1999; **President**, 1999–2000; **Vice President**, 2002–2003; **President**, 2003–2004.
- Association of Professors of Mission (APM). **President**, 1993–1994.
- Evangelical Missiological Society (EMS) [formerly Association of Evangelical Professors of Missions (AEPM0)] – Program Chairman for 2001.
- International Association of Mission Studies (IAMS), since 1987. President since August 2008. Officer since 2004. **Vice President**, and member of the Documentation, Archives, Bibliography, Oral History (DABOH) Committee.
- Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization, member of the Theology Working Group since 2004.

Ministerial Experience

An ordained minister of the Evangelical Mennonite Conference of Canada, I served as a minister in the Kleefeld Evangelical Mennonite Church from 1984–1994, and as a minister in the St. Vital (Winnipeg) Evangelical Mennonite Church from 1994–1997.

BOARD INVOLVEMENTS

St. James Academy, the Gambia. Advisory Council member since 2006.

Oxford Studies in World Christianity project, Advisory Council member since 2005.

Council of Reference member for Asian Access since 2004.

Board of Reference for Global MissionThrust21 since 2002.

Council of Reference member for the Center for Innovation in Theological Education (A Division of Pacific Association) since 2002.

Evangelical Mennonite Church, Board of Missions, 1984–1994 (Executive member 1986–1987; chairman, 1988–1994).

Evangelical Mennonite Church, Board of Ministers and Deacons, 1995–1997.

Overseas Missionary Fellowship (Canadian Council), 1985–1997.

Fellowship for Christian Print Witness (publisher of *ChristianWeek*), 1985–1997; Chairman, 1988–1991; Editorial Board, 1991–1997.

American Society of Missiology 1989 to Present; Member of nominating committee, 1991–1992; Second Vice President, 1995–1996; Member of the ASM Series Committee.

Christian Aid Mission, member of Canadian Board of Directors, 1989—1997; Vice-chairman of U.S. Council of Trustees, from 1991.