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Education

Th.D. Duke University Divinity School, 2012
• Dissertation: "John Wesley and the Means of Grace: Historical and Theological Context"
M.Div Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2001
B.A. Hendrix College, 1998 (*summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa)

Employment

Assistant Professor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies, Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN; 2012—
Instructor of Historical Theology and Wesleyan Studies, Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN; 2011-2012
Ministry Coordinator, Duke Youth Academy for Christian Formation, Durham, NC; 2008-2013 (an annual position on the DYA summer staff)
Pastor, Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, Henderson, NC; 2008-2010
Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church, Searcy, AR; 2003-2006
Associate Chaplain, Lambuth University, Jackson, TN; 2001-2003

Ecclesiastical Standing

Ordained Elder and Member in Full Connection of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church

Publications

1. *Edited Volumes*
Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2011).
2. *Articles*¹
"From Societies to Society: The Shift from Holiness to Justice in the Wesleyan Tradition," *Methodist Review* 3 (2011): 141-172.
"Outler's Quadrilateral, Moral Psychology, and Theological Reflection in the Wesleyan Tradition," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 46:1 (Spring 2011): 49-72.
"To stir them up to believe, love, obey'—Soteriological Dimensions of the Class Meeting in Early Methodism," *Methodist History* 48:3 (April 2010): 160-178.
3. *Chapters in Books*
"Sustenance for the Journey: Week of Meditations for August 6-12, 2012," in *The*

¹ The published articles listed here only include those of an academic nature appearing in peer-reviewed journals. Popular essays in such publications as the *United Methodist Reporter*, the *Arkansas United Methodist*, and others that are accessible in an online format are archived on my website at www.andrewthompson.com.

Upper Room Disciplines 2012 (Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2011), 231-237.
"Echoes of Jesus: Old Testament Anticipations of the Coming Messiah," in *Holy Things for Youth Ministry: 13 Practical Sessions*, ed. Brian Hardesty-Crouch (Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press, 2010), 47-64 and 209-210.

Presentations

Keynote address on "The Means of Grace as 'Practices'" for the United Methodist Council of Memphis Theological Seminary, at Memphis Theological Seminary, Memphis, TN; November 12, 2012.

Keynote presenter for the Christian Educators Fellowship national conference, delivering lectures on "Our Daily Bread: The Means of Grace and the Christian Journey" and "Picture Perfect: The Pattern of a Christian Life," and a workshop on "Making Disciples One Day at a Time," at Green Lake, WI; October 12-14, 2012.

Teaching series on *Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church*, consisting of 11 weekly sessions, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Memphis, TN; September 5-November 28, 2012.

Conference preacher to the Arkansas Conference of the UMC, delivering sermons on the first two nights of the annual conference session, entitled, "The Power to Become Children of God" and "Pressing Toward Perfection," at Fort Smith, AR; June 10-11, 2012.

Plenary lecture on "Ignatius of Antioch, the Virtue of Leadership, and Wesleyan Pastoral Ministry," at the Emerging Leaders Conference, hosted by the Turner Center for Church Leadership and Congregational Development (Vanderbilt Divinity School) for the Memphis and Tennessee Conferences of the UMC, at Grace United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN; October 13-14, 2011.

Keynote address on "The *Large Minutes* and 'What does Wesley have to say to Methodist preachers today?'" for the McKendree District Clergy Luncheon, at the Center of Excellence in Faith & Health, Methodist University Hospital, Memphis, TN; September 21, 2011.

Keynote address on "Theological *Education* as Theological *Formation*" for the United Methodist Council of Memphis Theological Seminary, at Lindenwood Christian Church, Memphis, TN; August 15, 2011.

Plenary lectures on "Background, Purpose, and Aims of *Generation Rising: A Future with Hope for the United Methodist Church*" and "Thoughts on the Call to Action Report," for the North Carolina Annual Conference Youth Adult Clergy Retreat, at Pine Knoll Shores, NC; May 23-24, 2011.

Paper on "From Societies to Society: The Shift from Holiness to Justice in the Wesleyan Tradition," at the Wesleyan Theological Society, Dallas, TX; March 5, 2011.

Plenary Lecture on "The Means of Grace and Rural Ministry," at the Convocation on the Rural Church for 2010, sponsored by the Duke Endowment for the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the UMC, at Myrtle Beach, SC; August 23, 2010.

Paper on "The Quadrilateral, Moral Psychology, and Theological Reflection in the Wesleyan Tradition," at the Wesleyan Theological Society, Azusa, CA; March 5, 2010.

Keynote address on "The Means of Grace and Wesleyan Leadership," for the Thriving Rural Communities Pastors' Gathering (North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences of the UMC), at Tyro United Methodist Church, Lexington, NC; January 25, 2010.

Workshop presentation on “The Sacraments of Baptism & the Lord’s Supper in the United Methodist Church” as a part of the conference theme “Walking the United Methodist Way,” at the Arkansas Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AR; June 9, 2008.
Keynote address on vocational discernment at the Office of the Chaplain’s “Tuesday Talk” lecture series, at Hendrix College, Conway, AR; March 28, 2006.
Keynote address on “Evangelism in the Wesleyan Spirit” at Paducah District/Memphis Conference leadership training event, held at First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY; January 19, 2003.

Academic Service

Memphis Theological Seminary

Member, Technology Committee, 2012—
Member, Curriculum Committee, 2011—
Member, Steering Committee of the Formation for Ministry Program, 2011—
Member, Search Committee for Faculty Position in Christian Education & Youth Ministry, Fall 2011

Duke Divinity School

Th.D. Student Representative on the Curriculum Committee, 2009-2011

Vanderbilt Divinity School

President, Student Government Association, 2000-2001

Hendrix College

Student Representative on the Student Life Committee, 1997-1998
Vice-President, Student Senate, 1995-1996
New Student Senator, Student Senate, 1994-1995

Ecclesiastical Service

Wesley Scholar, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church; 2012—
(an appointed position that carries membership on the bishop’s executive team and extended cabinet along with other duties as assigned).
Human Sexuality Task Force, Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church; 2012—
Reserve delegate from the Arkansas Annual Conference to the 2012 South Central Jurisdictional Conference (UMC), Oklahoma City, OK; 18-21 July 2012.
Instructor at the Mississippi Conference (UMC) Course of Study School at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS; April 13-14 and 27-28, 2012.

Honors and Awards

John Wesley Fellow, A Foundation for Theological Education, 2007-2011
Award of Excellence for “Gen-X Rising” column in *The United Methodist Reporter*, “Best of the Christian Press” for 2005, by the Associated Church Press (presented April 25, 2006)
Elliott F. Shepard Prize (for Church History), Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2001
Kelley Leadership Grant, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 2000-2001
Harold Stirling Vanderbilt Scholar, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, 1998-2001
Thomas S. Staples History Prize, Hendrix College, 1998
Phi Beta Kappa, Hendrix College, 1998

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Religion (since 2010)

American Society of Church History (since 2009)

Historical Society of the United Methodist Church (since 2009)

Wesleyan Theological Society (since 2008)

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