

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in education/human development, 1982  
Claremont Graduate School  
Claremont, CA

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Christian Education, 1970  
Talbot Theological Seminary  
La Mirada, CA

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in education/history and political science, 1966  
California State University, Fresno  
Fresno, CA

### Academic and Professional Experience

Dean, 1992-present  
Associate Dean/Dean of Administration, 1983-1992  
Professor of Christian Education, 1976-present  
Talbot School of Theology/Biola University  
La Mirada, CA

Minister of Education, 1974-1976  
First Covenant Church  
Minneapolis, Mn

Director of Christian Education, 1970-1974  
Clairemont Covenant Church  
San Diego, CA

Youth Pastor, 1969-1970  
First Baptist Church  
North Hollywood, CA

## Publications

"Faith Development." In Michael J. Anthony (ed.), (2001), *Introducing Christian Education: Foundations for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House.

"Lawrence Kohlberg."

"Fritz Oser."

"William Perry."

"Jean Piaget." (2001). In Michael J. Anthony (Ed.), *Baker Dictionary of Christian Education*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.

"Foundations in Human Development". (1992). In *Foundations of Ministry: A Handbook of Christian Education*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

"Moral and Faith Development". (1992). In *Foundations of Ministry: A Handbook of Christian Education*. Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

"Teacher: Catalyst for Change". (1991). In *Christian Education: Foundations for the Future*. Chicago: Moody Press.

"Facilities for Religious Education."

"Memorization."

"Evaluation." (1990). In Iris V. Cully and Kendig B. Cully (eds), Harper's Encyclopedia of Religious Education, San Francisco: Harper and Row.

"Family and Campus: Two Contexts for Development of Maturity in Moral Perspective". *Christian Education Journal*, Volume X, Number 1, Fall 1989.

"Moral Maturity and Christian Parenting". *Christian Education Journal*, Volume IX, Number 2, Winter 1989.

"Moral Development in Christian Higher Education". *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, Volume 16, Number 4, Winter 1988.

Video-script, leader's guide and workbook: "Becoming an Effective Teacher" for videocassette series Bible Teacher Training Series, Lowell Brown Enterprises Inc., 1983.

"It Won't Work? Try This!" (1982). In Lowell Brown, David Gowe, and Frances Blankenbaker (eds.). Teacher Training Manual. Ventura, CA: Regal Books.

## Unpublished Research/Personal Study

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Talbot-Israel Study Tour, Talbot School of Theology, December 1997-January 1998.

Israel Study Tour, Christian College Coalition/Jerusalem Institute for Biblical Studies, Dec.1987-Jan. 1988.

Contributor, Christian Education Bibliography, major annotated bibliography compiled and distributed by CE Department to students and alumni; 1985.

The Renewed Mind: An Attitude and Interpersonal Enrichment Seminar, workbook and leader's guide, 165 pages, 1982.

"Influence of Socialization Practices of Evangelical Parents on the Moral Development of Children" - Ph.D. research project and dissertation involving study of 118 college students and 112 of their parents, 1982.

"A Questionnaire for the Study of Religious Familial Antecedents to the Moral Development of Evangelical College Students", 1980.

"Moral Development Theories of Piaget and Perry: Implications for Christian Education", 1980.

"Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development: A Critical Analysis with Implications for Christian Education", 1980.

"Parent-Child Interaction Patterns in the Stimulation of Moral Development", 1979.

"Adolescent Moral Development: Implications for Parenting", 1979.

"Kohlberg's Theory of Moral Development: Its Implications for Christian Education", 1978.

"Implications of Piaget's Theory of Moral Development for Christian Education", 1978.

#### **Memberships in professional organizations**

Evangelical Theological Society, member, 1993-present

North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE), member, 1976-present; member Board of Directors, 1986-1990

Religious Education Association (REA), member, 1980-present

#### **Committees, Councils, Boards**

Executive Board, International Council of Higher Education, Zurich, Switzerland, member, 2001-present

Christian Education Advisory Council, Pioneer Clubs, Wheaton, IL, member, 1992-present.

Board of Directors, Vice President, Hilltop Renewal Center, La Palma, CA, 1998-present.

Advisory Board, Multi Cultural Ministries, Victorville, CA, member, 1999-present.

Board of Advisors, Break Away Technologies, Los Angeles, CA, member, 1993-present.

Chair, Task Force for Asian Student Concerns: identified ministry preparation needs of Asian students and designed courses to address needs, 1990.

Chair, Master of Divinity Revision Task Force: analysis of Master of Divinity curriculum. Sent questionnaires to 1549 alumni, Christian leaders, Talbot faculty and third year Talbot students to analyze needs in ministry and adequacy of curriculum in addressing needs. Formulated curriculum revision recommendation; in consultation with department chairmen and presented to faculty for approval, 1987-88.

Committees:

Talbot Academic Policies and Personnel Committee (1983-present), Talbot Curriculum Committee (chair 1987-1992, member 1981-1992), Talbot Master of Arts in Ministry Committee (chair, 1983-1992), Task Force for Institutional Special Programs: WASC/ATS Institutional Self-Study (chair, 1986-88), Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Committee (1983-1993), Talbot Student Welfare Committee (1983-1992), Talbot Faculty Development Committee (1989), Talbot Publicity Committee (1988-1991), University Steering Committee for WASC/ATS Accreditation Visit (1986-88), SAS Ad Hoc University Drama Program Guidelines Committee (1989-1992).

### **International Guest Faculty**

Kyiv Theological Seminary, Kyiv, Ukraine, Guest Lecture Series: "Spiritual Formation – Biblical/Theological and Ministry Consideration," April, 2002.

Asia Institute of Theology, Bangalore, India, Guest Lecture Series: "Sanctification, Spiritual Formation, and Human Development," July-August 2000.

Baptist Theological Seminary, Moscow, Russia, Master of Arts in Christian Education Program, "Human Development and Christian Education," August-September 1997.

Asian Graduate School of Theology, Quezon City, Philippines, Doctor of Education Program: "Life-Span Development," July 1992.

Singapore Bible College, Singapore, Lecture Series: "Spiritual Formation," July 1991.

### **Professional Consultations**

Accreditation evaluation team leader representing the Association of Theological Schools, Chapman School of Religion, Oakland City University, Oakland City, IN, March 2004.

Accreditation evaluation team member representing the Association of Theological Schools, Western Evangelical Seminary of George Fox University, Portland, OR, April 2001.

International team leader, representing International Council for Higher education, evaluation/validation of Asian Institute of Theology, Bangalore, India, July 2000

National Council for Strategic Non-Profit Planning and Community Leadership, Faith-Based Summit, Los Angeles, CA, April 2000

Peer evaluator, seminary programs, "Character in Leadership," Center for the Development of Evangelical leadership, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary - Charlotte, NC, September 1999.

Consultant, incorporation of the International Center for Higher Education, Beatenberg, Switzerland, June 1998.

Accreditation evaluation team leader representing the Association of Theological Schools, Western Evangelical Seminary of George Fox University, Portland, OR, March 1999.

Accreditation evaluation team leader representing the Association of Theological Schools, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX, April 1998.

Consultant, formation of the International Center for Higher Education, Seoul, Korea, 1997.

Accreditation evaluation team participant representing the Association of Theological Schools, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY, April 1996

Outside examiner - Ph.D. dissertation oral defense, Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, CA, Spring 1986.

Outside dissertation committee member - Ed.D. dissertation, Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 1983.

Occasional "free-lance" consultant to churches regarding Christian education ministry.

Consultant, "The Jesus Project" - Campus Crusade for Christ film ministry, October 1986.

Consulting editor (editing responsibilities for new curriculum: early childhood, children's and youth age levels), Gospel Light Publications, Ventura, CA, 1980-1983.

Christian Education consultant (advisor to churches on Christian education ministries design and curriculum implementation; consultant on needs assessment and Christian education curriculum and publication projects), Gospel Light Publications, Ventura, CA, 1975-1983.

### **Professional Presentations**

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"Post modernism: It Infiltration of the Christian Leader," Korean Gospel Broadcasting Pastors Conference, Los Angeles, CA, January 2000.

"Spiritual Development of the Christian Leader," International Pastors Program, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, January 1995.

"Maturity: How Do You Get There from Here?," Eye Opener Conference, Pacific Northwest District Adult Commission of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Canby, OR, September 1993.

"Sheep to Shepherd," Church Leadership and Sunday School Convention of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, October 1991.

"Nurturing for Spiritual Growth" - Vocational Staff Conference (national conference for church educators), Anaheim, CA, February 1990.

"From Sheep to Shepherd: Energizing Lay Leaders for Ministry" - Fellowship of Christian Educators Regional Workshop, Pasadena, CA and Anaheim, CA, November 1989; Indianapolis, Detroit, Chicago, November 1990; San Jose, Concord, Sacramento, CA, 1991.

"Creating an Environment for Learning" - videotape segment on philosophy of Christian education, Lowell Brown Enterprises/Standard Publishing, June 1989.

"Teaching Children Through Guided Conversation", "How to Change Adults Through Teaching", and "How to Build Ministry into Adult Sunday School" - 1988 National Christian Education Convention, Grace Brethren Churches, Palm Desert, CA, August 1988.

"Leadership Models for the Church", and "How to Lead God's People Through the Process of Change" - Leadership conference, Los Angeles Hanmi Presbyterian Church, April 1988.

"Teaching for Life Change" - 7-week church teacher training series, Focal Point (lay institute), First Evangelical Free Church, Fullerton, CA, January-March, 1988.

"Using Guided Conversation in Teaching", and "Dealing with the Problem Child in the Classroom" - Leadership conference, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, CA, January 1988.

"Resolving Conflicts in the Church" and "Principles and Practice of Change" - Leadership workshop series, Los Angeles Korean churches/Hanmi Cultural and Educational Center, Los Angeles, CA, November 1987.

"Teaching Children in the Church" - Conference on children's ministry, 6 workshops, Los Angeles Korean churches/Hanmi Cultural and Educational Center, Los Angeles, CA, September 1987.

"Evangelism in Christian Education" - Korean pastors leadership conference, Christian Herald Magazine/Biola University, La Mirada, CA, May 1987.

"Education for Faith Development" - Conference on Faith Development, Salem Alliance Church, Salem, Oregon, May 1986.

"Successful Nurture: Implementing a Philosophy of Ministry" - workshops, Today's Child: Ministry Now! National Conference, Fuller Theological Seminary, April 1986.

"Effective Use of Leadership Styles in Ministry" - Greater Los Angeles Sunday School (GLASS) Convention, October 1984, Pasadena, CA.

"Shifting Gears: Development and Christian Education" - Presentation made to the International Center for Learning Vocational Staff Conference, January 1984, Costa Mesa, CA.

Workshop leader, International Center for Learning - 9-15 seminars yearly throughout the United States and Canada on teaching methods in the church, 1975-1983.

"Parenting for Moral Maturity" - Paper and presentation made to the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education, Annual Conference, November 1983, Anaheim, CA.

"Leadership Toward Believer Maturity" - Presentation made to the International Center for Learning Vocational Staff Conference, January 1983, Los Angeles, CA.

"Leadership in the Church: Animal Trainer or Gardener?" - Presentation made to the National Association of Professors of Christian Education and National Association of Directors of Christian Education, Annual Conference, November 1982, Pasadena, CA.

"Self-Esteem and the Preschooler" - workshop, Greater Los Angeles Sunday School Convention, Pasadena, CA, November 1982.

"Evaluating Church Educational Staff" - Presentation made to the International Center for Learning Vocational Staff Conference, January 1982, Los Angeles, CA.

"Role of Women in Educational Ministries" - Panel presentation made to the International Center for Learning National Vocational Staff Conference, January 1981, San Francisco, CA.

"Moral Development and Christian Education" - Presentation made to the International Center for Learning Vocational Staff Conference, January 1979, Los Angeles, CA.

**Church Involvement**

Co-founder, teacher and administrative leader for 180-member adult fellowship, First Evangelical Free Church, Fullerton, CA, 1985-present.