

### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **CURRENT POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor of Theology & Ethics History, Theology & Ethics Department Chair Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary | Elkhart, Indiana

In July 2014 I joined the Teaching Faculty at AMBS, where my responsibilities include teaching a variety of courses in the History, Theology & Ethics department (God's Shalom & the Church's Witness, Christian Theology 2, Earthkeeping, Theology & Women's Narrative, Suffering & Hope, Human Sexuality & Christian Ethics, Church & Race, Practicing & Embodying Nonviolence). I serve on the Curriculum Committee and as the partnership representative for Merry Lea Environmental Center's Sustainability Leadership Semester. I also serve on the Pedagogy Committee and this past year I was part of the Search Committee for AMBS Academic Dean. I also occasionally lead singing and worship for our bi-weekly Chapel services.

In 2017–2018 I was involved with two academic projects for students outside of AMBS. I directed Linda Gehman Peachy's DMin project titled "Joining Jesus' Liberation Movement: Toward a More Just and Holistic Anabaptist Understanding of Salvation" at Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. I also served as the second reader for Charlotte Loewen's MA thesis titled "From the Reflecting Pool: Exploring Brethren and Mennonite Attitudes toward One Another" at Bethany Theological Seminary, Richmond, Indiana.

# Prophetic Christianity Book Series Editor Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. | Grand Rapids, Michigan

Along with Dr. Bruce Ellis Benson and Dr. Peter Goodwin Heltzel, I am a founding editor of this book series begun in 2009. We work with a new generation of scholars to develop manuscripts (two per year) that explore the complex relationship between Christian doctrine and contemporary life. We bring to publication thoughtful works that ignite critical dialogue in classrooms and faith communities where people are striving to synthesize faith, action, and discipleship as they seek to live with integrity and authenticity into a just and peaceable global future. We particularly work at cultivating the scholarship of those who are connected to the Black Church, the Historic Peace Church, and progressive Evangelicalism. As of 2018, there are six published titles in the series with two manuscripts in development.

#### **EDUCATION**

2013 Doctor of Philosophy: Systematic Theology & Social Ethics Union Theological Seminary | New York, New York

My dissertation, titled "'A Human Figure Poised to Embrace': Political Theology, Discipleship, Nonviolence & Nonconformity," focuses on theological anthropology in

conversation with christology and ecclesiology. Drawing from Reinhold Niebuhr, Martin Luther King Jr., and Doris Janzen Longacre, I develop a reconstruction of the Anabaptist doctrine of nonconformity, central to US Mennonite theology.

2009 Master of Philosophy

Union Theological Seminary | New York, New York

2001 Master of Arts: Peace Studies

Associated (now Anabaptist) Mennonite Biblical Seminary | Elkhart, Indiana

1996 Bachelor of Arts: English & History Goshen College | Goshen, Indiana

# **CURRENT PROJECTS & RESEARCH AGENDA**

Below, listed alphabetically, are projects both on my desk and on my horizon.

(Disciplinary and methodological approaches follow in parentheses.)

# Anabaptist Prayer Book for Families with Young Children

My AMBS colleague Dr. Rachel Miller Jacobs, I are co-editing a third volume in the Institute of Mennonite Studies Anabaptist Prayer Book series (Anabaptist spirituality, family spirituality, Christian formation).

### Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights, and Nonviolence

I am working on an essay for the "Prophet with a Pencil" project (details below) and my topic is nonviolence in King's letter from a jail cell in Birmingham, Alabama. This is an opportunity for me to continue with some of my dissertation research (shalom political theology, Personalism, Mennonite peace theology and "race relations," theological anthropology).

#### Pneumatology and Communal Discernment

This agenda item is a continuation of my 2015–2016 Scribes for the Reign of God project. I am developing a book that outlines a method for theological reflection and discernment in Anabaptist settings (peace church ecclesiology, Anabaptism and pneumatology, nonviolent communication, circle process, ecotheology).

#### Shalom Political Theology

I am working on an article titled "Try Loving Your Mother First: Toward a Mennonite Political Theology" based on my contribution to a symposium I participated in at the Perkins School of Theology in December 2017. Articles will be published in *Modern Theology* (constructive theology, social ethics, political theology, peace theology).

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORK EXPERIENCE

#### 2016 - present Nonviolent Communication Class

From February 2016 through July 2017 and from July 2018 to the present, I have been part of a class receiving instruction in Marshall Rosenberg's theory and philosophy of nonviolent communication. Our teacher/facilitator, Amanda Blaine is a teacher based on Vaschon Island, Washington with various forms of training through the Center for Nonviolent Communication.

# 6 | 7-9 | 018 Prophet with a Pencil: The Continuing Significance of Martin Luther King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail"

This is a project funded through University of Virginia's Project on Lived Theology developed by Dr. Arthur Sutherland (Loyola University Maryland). I will be one of ten scholars gathering at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama, this June. During our conference, we will share drafts of our essays and meet with surviving participants of the Birmingham Children's March and other civil rights activists.

### 2017 - 2018 Scribes for the Reign of God Collaborative Research Project

During the academic year, I was part of this an annual project of the Institute of Mennonite Studies (IMS) at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Faculty participants (Scribes) identify an outcome for the process, take part in sustained conversation with IMS leadership, and make presentations on our work in the Teaching/Research Seminar and Pastors & Leaders gathering. This year, the theme was "embodiment" and I developed a new course "Practicing & Embodying Nonviolence."

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# 2015 The Circle Way Practicum PeerSpirit, Inc. | Whidbey Island, Washington

My spouse and I were privileged to join a group of twenty other women and men for the last practicum led by PeerSpirit founders Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea. The week-long intensive gave us hand-on experience participating in and leading circle process using PeerSpirit's unique approach and protocols known as "the circle way." I left the week identifying as a "circle carrier" and have contributed my commitment to circle process to circle practice at AMBS and in my local congregation.

# 2014 - 2015 Pre-Tenure Workshop for Faculty in Theological Schools | Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion | Crawfordsville, Indiana

I was part of a thirteen-member cohort of pre-tenure scholars that met for a series of three workshop sessions from July to the following June. Our goals focused on understanding and exploring the porous nature of teaching, research, and writing. The racial, ethnic, national, religious, and geographical diversity of our group made the workshop experience both challenging and rewarding.

# 2009 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Theological Studies & Director of the MA Program, Bethany Theological Seminary | Richmond, Indiana

My full-time, tenure-track position is divided in half between teaching in Theological Studies and administering the MA Program.

# 2006 – 2009 Visiting Scholar in Religion & Women's Studies Goshen College | Goshen, Indiana

Through a partnership of the Multicultural Affairs Office; the Bible, Religion, and Philosophy Department; and the Women's Studies Program, I taught three courses a year, participated in MAO programming, and served as a mentor for several students minoring in Women's Studies.

### 2006 - 2007 Columnist for Sojourners Magazine

I was a monthly contributor to the magazine through "Living the Word," a 1,650—word column providing readers with theological reflections on the month's Revised Common Lectionary readings (see issues December 2006 – November 2007).

Interim Minister, Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship (New York, New York)

I took a three-month assignment with my congregation, Manhattan Mennonite

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Fellowship, during a lengthy period of pastoral transition. My responsibilities included worship planning, administrative tasks, leading an internal conflict-resolution process, and providing basic pastoral care.

1999 - 2001 Associate Director, Mennonite Voluntary Service (Elkhart, Indiana)

My responsibilities in this position were three-fold: providing administrative oversight to an MVS unit in Chicago, Illinois; direct recruitment on college campuses; and designing and implementing program-wide recruitment strategies. MVS is a program of Mennonite Mission Network.

1997 – 1998 Development Associate, Peace Action (Washington, DC)

In the national office of this peace and disarmament non-profit organization, I worked with the development director to implement cultivation strategies for major donors, secure funding through foundation grants, and coordinate the design and production of direct mail fund-raising appeals. These efforts contributed to raising approximately \$900,000.

### **RECENT GRANTS & AWARDS**

# 2015 Learning to Teach in the Circle Way | Wabash Summer Project Grant Project

I received a \$5,000 grant to pursue a pedagogy and research project of my design. The project involves participating in the Circle Process Practicum developed by Christina Baldwin and Ann Linnea of PeerSpirit, Inc. and then comparing their model of leadership development with Robert Greenleaf's Servant Leadership paradigm. I will use the results of my project for course development and share them through a conference presentation and an essay for journal publication.

### 2014 Goshen College Young Alumni Servant Leadership Award

The Young Alumni Servant LeadershipAwards was established by the Goshen Alumni Association to honor and recognize the achievements of Goshen College alumni who exemplify the college motto, Culture for Service, and who live out the core values of the College: Christ-centered, passionate learners, global citizens, compassionate peacemakers and servant leaders. Awardees have a distinguished record of service and/or achievement to home, church, college, community, and world. They are committed

to seeking a life which balances the demands of their professional, church, community and family life.

### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion Anabaptist/Mennonite Scholars Network Mennonite Historical Society (president) Society for the Arts in Religious & Theological Studies

### PRINT PUBLICATIONS

#### **Books**

- Benson, Bruce Ellis, Malinda Elizabeth Berry, and Peter Goodwin Heltzel eds. Prophetic Evangelicals: Envisioning the Just and Peaceable Kingdom. Prophetic Christianity 1. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. 2012.
- Graber Miller, Keith, and Malinda Elizabeth Berry, eds. Wrestling with the Text: Young Adult Perspectives on Scripture. Journeys with Scripture 2. Telford, PA: Cascadia Publishing House, 2006.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles, Essays & Book Chapters

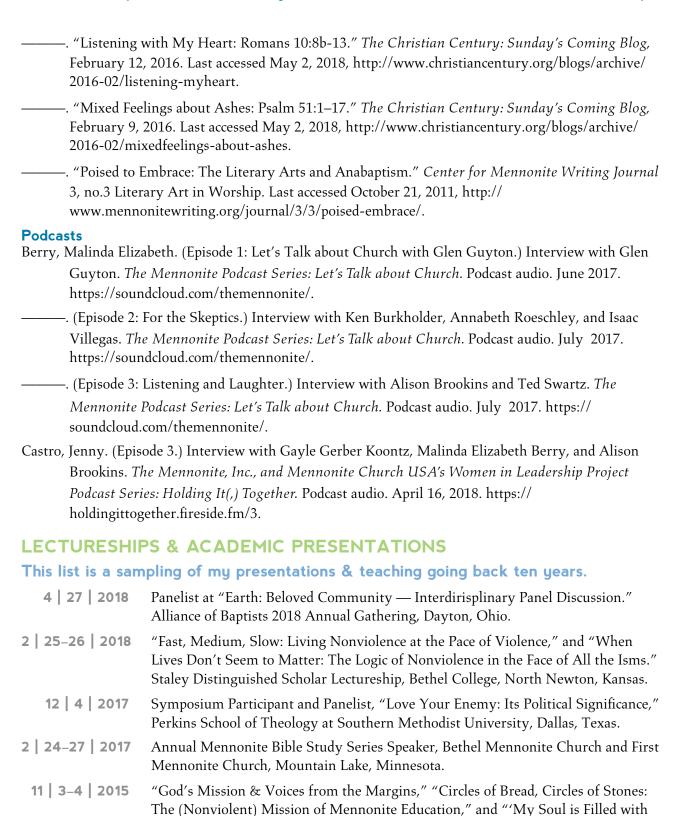
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Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia.

10   17   2015	"Thinking of Myself as Your Servant is a Bad Idea: Mennonite Education & the Problem of the Servant Leadership Paradigm," Mennonite Education: Past, Present and Future, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio.
11   18   2012	"The Garden of God's Womb: The Female Divine in Toni Morrison's Paradise" delivered as part of the session titled "The Goddess, Music, and Womanist Epistemologies" sponsored by the Womanist Approaches to Religion & Society Section at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
3   25   2011	"Finding Wisdom in Her Lap: Mary as <i>Alma Mater</i> " an interdisciplinary paper written by Malinda Elizabeth Berry and Anne H. Berry (MFA) delivered at "My Spirit Rejoices in God My Savior: Mary in Anabaptist Dress" a conference sponsored by the Institute of Mennonite Studies at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.
11   7   2009	"The Sisterist Twist: A Proposal Regarding the Place of Feminist Social Analysis in Third Wave Womanism" delivered as part of the "Third Wave Womanism Panel" sponsored by the Womanist Approaches to Religion & Society Section at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montréal, Quebec.

# **SERVICE & ECCLESIAL INVOLVEMENTS**

# Community Service & Volunteer Work

**2015** – **2016** Bethany Christian Schools Board Member

**2010** – **2013** Working member of Clear Creek Food Co-Op.

# **Ecclesial Affiliation & Denominational Leadership**

I have been a member of the Mennonite Church, now Mennonite Church USA, since 1989.

2007 – 2017	Mennonite World Review Board Member
2010 – 2014	Mennonite Education Agency Board Member
2000 - 2005	Peace & Justice Support Network Advisory Board Member
2003 – 2005	Member of the Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church USA
1997 – 1999	Delegate to the General Assembly of the Mennonite Church
1998 – 1999	US Country Committee Member This committee developed the structure for the executive, constituency, and delegate leadership bodies for Mennonite Church USA which formed in 2001 through a merger and realignment of the General Conference Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church into Mennonite Church Canada and MC USA.
1997 – 1999	Mennonite Church General Board Member (at-large)

### **Preaching & Congregational Consulting Work**

8   26   2018	Teaching preacher for the first Sunday in a series on conflict at Waterford
	Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana. I preached for their two worship services and
	was the featured Christian education speaker.

3 | 24 | 2018 Leadership Retreat Facilitator for a day-long workshop on the Circle Way for congregational leaders at Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, Indiana.

# PERSONAL INFORMATION

My husband, John Phillip Stoltzfus and I are members of Fellowship of Hope Mennonite Church (Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA). I convene the Worship Group (responsible for tending, organizing, and leading weekly worship) and edit the weekly newsletter. We are the parents of two children, gardeners, recyclers, repairers, reusers, and radical homemakers. I am a knitter, a tea drinker, teacher, circle carrier, mama, spouse, and theologian — a set of social locators in which I take great joy.

# **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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