

## **Curriculum Vitae (2008)**

The Reverend Dean G. Blevins, Professor of Christian Education and Director of the Masters of Arts in Christian Education Program at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Prior to NTS, Dr. Blevins served eleven years at Trevecca Nazarene University as Professor of Christian Education and also served as the inaugural J. B. Elizer Chair of Christian Ministry.

### **Family**

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### **Education**

- 1999 PH.D. Personality and Theology (Religious Education), Claremont School of Theology
- 1991 Masters in Religious Education, Nazarene Theological Seminary
- 1988 Diploma in Bible, John Wesley College
- 1978 BA Speech Communications, North Carolina State University

### **Current/Previous Teaching Assignments**

- Nazarene Theological Seminary
- Asbury Theological Seminary graduate and on-line program
- Azusa Pacific University undergraduate program
- Claremont School of Theology
- Northwest Nazarene University on-line graduate program
- Point Loma Nazarene University graduate program
- Trevecca Nazarene University graduate and undergraduate program

### **Professional Associations**

- American Academy of Religion
- Association of Practical Theology
- North American Professors of Christian Education
- Member, Eleventh Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies
- Religious Education Association (Member, Board of Directors)
- Society for Christian Spirituality
- Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology
- United Methodist Association of Scholars in Christian Education
- Wesleyan Theological Society

### **Church Contributions**

- Member, USA/Canada Course of Study Advisory Council, Church of the Nazarene
- Consultant on Clergy Development, 2002-2006
- CE Consultant: Nazarene Youth International and Children's Ministries
- Adult Education Committee, Nazarene Sunday School Ministries
- Presenter: M3 Conference on Evangelism, Church of the Nazarene, 2002; Sunday School Ministries Workshops, 1997, 2001 & 2005 International General Assemblies of the Church of the Nazarene; National Children's Pastors Conference (International Network of Children's Ministry), 1996, 1998, 2000
- Plenary Presenter: Johannesburg 2000: International Academy of Education, Church of the Nazarene

## **Educational Administration**

- Assistant to the Dean, Claremont School of Theology
- Director: Trevecca Center for Church and Society
- Trevecca Nazarene University Centennial Celebration: Compassion Conference
- Director: Trevecca Christian Ministries Institute
- Program Developer and Director: Christian Ministry Program with Salvation Army
- :Program Developer and Director: Master's Teacher Program Clergy Resource and Preparation
- Coordinator: Educational Program section of Trevecca Nazarene University Accreditation Self-Study
- Commencement Speaker, Trevecca Nazarene University 2002
- Commencement Speaker, John Wesley College 2004
- Director, Master of Arts in Christian Education, Nazarene Theological Seminary 2005-present

## **Writings: Books**

- *John Wesley and the Means of Grace: An Approach to Christian Religious Education*, Ph.D. Diss., Claremont School of Theology, May 1999. Ann Arbor, Mich.: UMI, 1999.
- "Chapter Five: Narrative Teaching: Learning how to teach the Story of God" in *Worship Centered Teaching*. Eds. Rick Edwards and Jim Hampton. Kansas City, Mo.: Beacon Hill of Kansas City, 2001.
- Contributor: "Homogeneity," "Heterogeneity," "Laissez Faire," "Learning Theory," and "Management by Objectives." *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 2001
- Contributor: *Dorm Room Devotions*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill of Kansas City, 2003.
- Contributor: "Faithful Discipleship: A Conjoined Catechesis of Truth and Love." In *Considering the Great Commission: Explorations for a Wesleyan Praxis of Mission and Evangelism*. Eds. W. Stephen Gunter and Elaine A. Robinson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2005
- Contributor: "Emergence as Transformation: Exploring Personal Religious Experience as Promise in Open and Relational Theology." (Forthcoming) In *Creation Made Free: Open Theology Engaging Science*. Ed. Thomas J. Oord. Eugene, Ore. Pickwick Publications, Summer 2009.

## **Academic Writing**

1. Editor: *Didache Faithful Teaching* (2002-08) <http://didache.nts.edu/index.php>
2. "Means of Grace: Toward a Wesleyan Praxis of Spiritual Formation" *Wesleyan Theological Journal*, 32, n. 1 (Spring 1997) 69-84
3. "Particularity, Community and Society: A Dialogue Between Formation and Border Crossing as Postmodern Education" *Religion and Education* 24, n. 2 (Fall 1997) 14-27
4. "Worship: Formation and Discernment" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 33, n. 1 (Spring 1998) 11-27
5. "Denominational Identity and Higher Education," *Christian Education Journal* 32, n. 2 (Fall 1998) 11-22
6. "David Kolb and Connected Knowing: Re-Visioning Experiential Dialectics Through a Women's Epistemological Framework" *Religion and Education* 26, n.1 (Summer 1999) 73-82
7. "Resident Aliens and the Exercise of Power," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 34, n. 2 (Fall 1999) 175-95
8. "The Means of Grace and Ways of Knowing: A Wesleyan Approach to Sacramental Learning" *Christian Education Journal* 4NS, n. 1 (Spring 2000) 7-40

9. "Contagion Christians and Resident Clones: Discernment and Power in the Marketplace of Ministry" *Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education* Vol. 16 (2000-2001) 50-65
10. "The Means of Grace and the Trinity: A Sacramental Interrelationship" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 36, no. 1 (Spring 2001) 231-55
11. "Practical Christian Thinking: Youth and Revivals" *Journal for Youth Ministry* 2, no. 1 (Spring 2001) available online <http://www.youthspecialties.com/academic/jym/>
12. "Empowering Students for Learning and Ministry" *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 1, no. 1 (Summer 2001) available online (accessed 9/05/2006) at [http://www.nazarene.org/ed\\_didache/](http://www.nazarene.org/ed_didache/)
13. "The Intellectual Ascetic: Scholarship, Pedagogy and the Recovery of Collegiality" *ARC: A Journal of Religious Studies, McGill University* (Fall 2001) 123-38
14. "We are the Church: The Liturgical Construction of the Self" *Doxology: A Journal of Worship* Vol. 18 (2001) 95-112
15. "Healing Grace and Leadership: Analytic Psychology and Community" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 37, no. 2 (Fall 2002). 153-71
16. "Educating the Liturgical Self: A Sacramental View of Pedagogy" *Journal of Christian Education: Australian Christian Forum on Education* 45, no. 3 (Dec. 2002) 7-20
17. "Practicing the New Creation: Wesley's Eschatological Community Formed by the Means of Grace" *Asbury Theological Journal* 57, no. 2 and 58, no. 1 (Fall 2002/Spring 2003). 81-104
18. "A Wesleyan View of the Liturgical Construction of the Self," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 38, no. 2 (Fall 2003) 7-29
19. "Holy Church, Holy People: A Wesleyan Exploration in Congregational Holiness and Personal Testament" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 39, no 2 (Fall 2004) 54-73
20. "Global Pedagogy: A Table Conversation" *Christian Education Journal* Series 3, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Fall 2004) 140-51
21. "On Earth as (if) It Were in Heaven: Practicing a Liturgical Eschatology" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 40, no 1 (Spring 2005) 69-92
22. "Renovating Christian Education in the 21st Century: A Wesleyan Contribution" *Christian Education Journal* Series 3, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 2005) 6-29.
23. "The Practicing Self" *Asbury Theological Journal* 60, no. 1 (Spring 2005), 23-42
24. "Virtual Publications or Virtually Publishing?" *Education in Action* Vol. 3 ((Fall 2005), 11-31.
25. "Communities of Holiness, Communities of the Spirit" *Asbury Theological Journal* 60, no. 2 (Fall 2005), 97-110.
26. "Emerging Ecclesiology: Preliminary observations of horizon churches in a postmodern world," *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 6, no. 1 (Summer 2006) available online (accessed 9/05/2006) at [http://www.nazarene.org/ed\\_didache/](http://www.nazarene.org/ed_didache/)
27. "Empowering Students for Learning and Ministry" *Journal of Christian Education & Information Technology: Korea Society for Christian Education & Information Technology* 10 (October 30, 2006), 19-34.
28. "Between Athens and Berlin... and Myspace: Wesleyan Reflections on Theological Education in a Digital Era" *Allelon Publishing* (February 2007) available online (accessed 5/01/2007) at <http://dev.allelon.org/articles/article.cfm?id=327>
29. "What is Wesleyan Theological Education" (with Ramon Sierra) *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 6, no. 2 (Winter 2007) available online (accessed 5/01/2001) at [http://didache.nts.edu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=38](http://didache.nts.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=27&Itemid=38)
30. "Story Telling or Storied Telling?" Media's Pedagogical Ability to Shape Narrative as a Form of "Knowing" *Religious Education* 102, no. 3 (Summer 2007), 250-63

31. "Paul Irwin" Christian Educators of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Research Project, The Lilly Endowment and Talbot School of Theology available online (accessed 4/18/2008) at [http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/educators/view.cfm?n=paul\\_irwin](http://www.talbot.edu/ce20/educators/view.cfm?n=paul_irwin)
32. "Technology and the Transformation of Persons" *Christian Education Journal* Series 3, vol. 5, no. 1 (Spring 2008), 138-53.
33. "To Be a Means of Grace: A Wesleyan Perspective on Christian Practices and the Lives of Children" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 43, no. 1 (Spring 2008) 47-67.
34. "The Catechesis of Politics: How Polity Shapes Personhood" *Didache: Faithful Teaching* 8, no. 1 (Summer 2008) available online (accessed 9/12/2001) [http://didache.nts.edu/index.php?option=com\\_docman&task=doc\\_view&gid=750&Itemid=](http://didache.nts.edu/index.php?option=com_docman&task=doc_view&gid=750&Itemid=)
35. "Neuroscience, Wesley and the Christian Life" (forthcoming) *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44, no 1 (Spring 2009)
36. "Mischievous or Mayhem? A Theology of Childhood Misdemeanors and the Church" (forthcoming)

### **Writings in Service to the Church**

- "Practical Christian Thinking: About Children's Ministry." *The Preacher's Magazine*, (Sept-Nov., 1996)
- "Are You an 'At Risk' Youth Worker?" *Youthworker* (Jan-Feb, 1997)
- "Practical Christian Thinking: The Importance of Ministry Covenants," *The Preacher's Magazine*, (Sept-Nov., 1998)
- "Global Pedagogy: A Table Conversation" Guatemala 2002 Global Nazarene Theology Conference available on-line <http://wesley.nnu.edu/2002-GNTC/index.htm>
- "On the Horizon" Article Series Church of the Nazarene Children's Ministry/ Nazarene Children's Pastors Association *Kidtricity*
- "Take Five: Jumpstarting your Child Safety program" *Children's Teacher*, Vol 14. no.1 (Fall 2006) 33-4.
- "How Big a Mouse Ear? Retaining a Balanced, 'Family-Like,' Children's Ministry" Children's Ministries Connection, Church of the Nazarene, Winter 2007 available on-line (accessed Jan. 2, 2008) [http://cmc.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=222&Itemid=1](http://cmc.nazarene.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=222&Itemid=1)
- "Youth Ethics," Barefoot Publishing Spring 2008
- "Playful Mischievous and Worship" *Worship Connection* electronic newsletter. United Methodist Publishing House Spring 2008.
- Compiler, Editor *Exploring Youth Ministry* Ministerial Education Module (forthcoming) Clergy Development/Nazarene Youth International, Summer 2009.