

Dean Blevins Curriculum Vitae (2022)

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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 (full time), Asbury Theological Seminary (affiliate faculty)
- Manchester University (England) Ph.D. Research Fellow
- Trevecca Nazarene University graduate and undergraduate program (full time 1994-2005)
- Adjunct Faculty: Azusa Pacific University undergraduate program, Claremont School of Theology, Northwest Nazarene University graduate program, Nazarene Bible College, Point Loma Nazarene University graduate program

Professional Associations/Service

- Society of Professors in Christian Education (SPCE)
- Religious Education Association (President 2011-2012)
- Society for the Study of Psychology and Wesleyan Theology
- Wesleyan Theological Society
- Kern Fellow, Oikonomia Network of Economics, Faith, and Work
- Editor, *Didache: Faithful Teaching*
- Editorial Boards: *Horizons in Religious Education*, *Religious Education*, *Theological Education*, *Journal for Family and Community Ministries*

Research Participant

- Templeton Funded study/conference on Science and Open/Relational Theology, 2008
- University of Pennsylvania, Penn Center for Neuroscience and Society, Neuroscience Bootcamp participant 2009
- Luther Seminary, Science for Youth Ministry Project 2018
- Presenter, Neuroscience and Religion, Penn Center for Neuroscience and Society 2019
- Theological Consultant/DoSER Science for Seminaries initiative, 2018-2021
- Fuller Theospych Seminar/Blueprint 1543, 2020-2021

Educational Administration & Service

- Assistant to the Dean, Claremont School of Theology 1992-1994
- Trevecca Nazarene University Centennial Celebration: Compassion Conference 1997
- Director: Trevecca Center for Church and Society 1999-2003

- Commencement Speaker, Trevecca Nazarene University 2002
- Program Developer and Director: Master's Teacher Program Clergy Preparation 2002
- Program Developer and Director: Christian Ministry Program with Salvation Army 2003
- Director: Trevecca Christian Ministries Institute 2003-05
- Coordinator: Educational Program- Trevecca Nazarene University Accreditation Self-Study
- Commencement Speaker, John Wesley College 2004
- Scholar in Residence: Mid America Nazarene University Spring/Summer 2009
- Director, Master of Arts in Christian Education, Nazarene Theological Seminary 2005-10
- Presenter, University of Manchester Research Symposium, 2016
- Director, Master of Arts in Christian Formation and Discipleship, NTS, 2011-19

Grant Development/Management

- Kern Family/*Oikonomia* Faculty Grants on Faith Work and Economics: Vocational Discipleship (2011), Preaching Faith at Work (2012), Entrepreneurship and Ministry (2015)
- Templeton/Luther Seminary Science for Youth Ministry Faculty Grant: Youth on the Brain (2017)
- Lilly/Association for Theological Schools Educational Models and Practices Grant (Co-Director): Ministerial Entrepreneurship (2017-2019)
- Templeton/DoSER Science for Seminaries Grant to NTS (Content Advisor): Neuroscience and Formation (2018-19) and Ambrose Seminary (External Advisor) 2019-2020
- Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Development Grant (Content Director): Reimagining Pedagogies for Diverse Professions 2020-21
- Lilly Foundation Pathways for Tomorrow Planning Grant, (Proposal Writer/Director) 2021

Church Contributions

- Member, USA/Canada Course of Study Advisory Council, Church of the Nazarene; Consultant on Clergy Development, 2002-2006, USA Regional Education Coordinator USA/Canada 2009 to 2022, *Manual* (Church of the Nazarene) Editorial Committee 2004 to present (Chair, 2009 to present)
- CE Consultant: Nazarene Youth International, Children's Ministries, Adult Ministry, and Nazarene Missions International; Adult Education Committee, Nazarene Sunday School Ministries; Family Ministry Committee, Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International
- Presenter: International Board of Education (IBOE), Ignite Children's Ministry Conferences, Mission Conferences on Evangelism, Church of the Nazarene, National Children's Pastors Conference (International Network of Children's Ministry), NYWC (Youth Specialties) Sunday School/Discipleship Ministries Workshops
- Steering Committee: Nazarene Global Theology Conferences 2009, 2013, 2019, 2024
- Board of Directors: YouthFront of Kansas City 2006- present, Board Chair 2008-11, 2014-2016.

Writings: Books/Books Chapters

- *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.
- Contributor: "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: "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: *Wesley Study Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2009
- Contributor: “What Is the Emerging and Emergent Church?” In *Postmodern AND Wesleyan: Exploring the Boundaries and the Possibilities*. Eds. Jay Akkerman and Brent Peterson. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2009. 101-105.
- Contributor: “Emergence as Transformation: Exploring Personal Religious Experience as Promise in Open and Relational Theology.” In *Creation Made Free: Open Theology Engaging Science*. Edited by Thomas J. Oord. Eugene, Ore. Pickwick Publications, Summer 2009, 237-60.
- Co-author with Mark A Maddix. *Discovering Discipleship: The Dynamics of Christian Education*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2010
- Contributor: “Living Wesleyan Theology in Today’s World.” In *Wesleyan Theology and Social Science: The Dance of Practical Divinity and Discovery*. Edited by M. Kathryn Armistead, Brad Strawn, and Ron Wright. Cambridge University Books 2010, 161-176.
- Contributor: “Faithful Discipleship: A Missional Catechesis” In *Missio Dei* Edited by Keith Schwanz and Joseph Coleson. Kansas City: NTS/Beacon Hill Press, 2011, 141-148.
- Contributor: “What Has Happened to Sin: Re-conceptualizing Childhood Depravity in an Alternative Theological Anthropology” In *Children’s Spirituality: New Perspectives* edited by Kevin Lawson. Eugene: OR: Wipf & Stock Publishers, 2012, 60-83.
- Contributor: “Relational Theology and Means of Grace” In *Relational Theology: A Contemporary Introduction* edited by Brint Montgomery, Tom Oord, and Karen Winslow. Eugene OR: Point Loma Press/Wipf & Stock 2012, 70-72.
- Contributor: “The Church as Formational Fellowship” in *Essential Church: A Wesleyan Paradigm* edited by Diane LeClerc and Mark A. Maddix. Kansas City, MO: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2013.
- Contributor (12 articles) *Encyclopedia of Christian Education*, 3 Volumes. Edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark A. Lamport, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2015
- Co-Author with Doug Hardy, *Prayer: Sharing Intimate Space with God*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City, 2015
- Co-Editor and Author, “Technology and the Brain,” and “Neuroscience and Christian Worship: Practices that Change the Brain” in *Neuroscience and Christian Formation: The intersection of Science and Faith*, edited by Mark A. Maddix and Dean G. Blevins. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, 2016.
- Contributor, “When Neuroscientists Speak Religiously: Navigating Neuroscientific Metaphysical Claims,” in *Connecting Faith and Science: Philosophical and Theological Inquiries*, edited by Matthey Nelson Hill and Curtis Holtzen. Claremont, CA: Claremont School of Theology, 2017.
- Author, *Wesley Prayers for Families: A Paraphrase*. Kansas City, MO: Foundry Publishing, 2021 ISBN 978-0-8341-4030-1
- Author, *The Disciples: A Relational Journey*. Kansas City, MO: Foundry Publishing, Forthcoming 2022

Academic Writing (Representative selections only)

1. Editor: *Didache Faithful Teaching* (2002-present) <http://didache.nazarene.org>
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. "Denominational Identity and Higher Education," *Christian Education Journal* 32, n. 2 (Fall 1998) 11-22
5. "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
6. "Resident Aliens and the Exercise of Power," *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 34, n. 2 (Fall 1999) 175-95

7. "The Means of Grace and Ways of Knowing: A Wesleyan Approach to Sacramental Learning" *Christian Education Journal* 4NS, n. 1 (Spring 2000) 7-40
8. "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
9. "The Means of Grace and the Trinity: A Sacramental Interrelationship" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 36, no. 1 (Spring 2001), 231-55
10. "The Intellectual Ascetic: Scholarship, Pedagogy and the Recovery of Collegiality" *ARC: A Journal of Religious Studies, McGill University* (Fall 2001) 123-38
11. "We are the Church: The Liturgical Construction of the Self" *Doxology: A Journal of Worship* Vol. 18 (2001) 95-112
12. "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
13. "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
14. "Global Pedagogy: A Table Conversation" *Christian Education Journal Series* 3, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Fall 2004) 140-51
15. "The Practicing Self" *Asbury Theological Journal* 60, no. 1 (Spring 2005), 23-42
16. "Virtual Publications or Virtually Publishing?" *Education in Action* Vol. 3 (Fall 2005), 11-31.
17. "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.
18. "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>
19. "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
20. "Technology and the Transformation of Persons" *Christian Education Journal Series* 3, vol. 5, no. 1 (Spring 2008), 138-53.
21. "Neuroscience, Wesley and the Christian Life" *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 44, no 1 (Spring 2009), 219-247.
22. "At the Center of the Kingdom: Congregational Practices in the Presence of Children." *Journal of Christian Education & Information Technology: Korea Society for Christian Education & Information Technology* 16 (October 2009), 9-32
23. "Brain Matters: A Journey with Neuroscience and Religious Education" *Religious Education* 106:3 (June 2011), 246-251.
24. Response to Rick Yount's "The Role of Scripture in Christian Education" *Christian Education Journal* (Spring2012) Supplement, 9: S3
25. Brain Matters: Neuroscience and Creativity." *Religious Education* (August 2012) 107:4 324-338.
26. "Transformational Insights from Neuroscience" *Christian Education Journal Series* 3 (Fall 2013) 10:2, 407-423.
27. "Brains on Fire: Neuroscience and the Gift of Youth" *The Journal of Youth Ministry* (Spring 2014) 12:2, 7-25.
28. "Our Craft, Our Call: The Spiritual Practice of Teaching and Learning." *Insights: The Faculty Journal for Austin Seminary* 131:1 (Fall 2015), 28-31
29. "Curriculum Design and Social Media: 140 Characters at a Time." *Christian Education Journal Series* 3 (Fall, 2015) 12:2, 430-440.
30. "Catechesis and the New Birth: A Wesleyan Meditation." *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 53 no 2 (Fall 2018), p 86-101

31. (With Rob Gailey and Susan Brownlee) “Ministerial Entrepreneurship: Re-envisioning Entrepreneurship and Revitalizing the Church” *Reflective Practice: Formation and Supervision for Ministry* 40 (Spring 2020), p. 110-129.
32. (With Gabriel Benjiman) “*Imbizo*: White Fragility and Human Equity Gathering for Witness.” *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 56, no 1 (Spr 2021), p 102-114.
33. “‘How Might We?’ Pausing to Listen Where Tradition and Creativity Intersect.” *Didaktikos* 5.4 (2022): 9–10.