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Brian's passion is helping people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ whether it is in the context of the community, the local church, or the academy. As an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, Louisiana Conference, he has pastored in both large and small congregations as well as a church re-start. Including his previous role at Asbury Theological Seminary as Assistant Provost, Brian has over 8 years in theological education leadership. Brian currently serves as a Missioner for the Inspire Movement, a missional discipleship network based in the United Kingdom. Brian completed his PhD under the supervision of Dr. Philip R. Meadows with the University of Manchester/Cliff College (England) in the spring of 2015. Brian's PhD research focused on the doctrine of Christian perfection and its implications for the theology and practice of evangelism under the title, *The Doctrine of Christian Perfection as a Vision for Evangelism*. He enjoys tinkering on cars, technology and spending time with his family.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy

Focus: Wesleyan Theology and Evangelism

Dissertation: "Christian Perfection as a Vision for Evangelism"

University of Manchester/Cliff College, England

May 2015

Doctor of Ministry (Beeson Pastor Program)

Focus: Leadership, Biblical Preaching, Church Planting & Revitalization

Dissertation: "An Evaluation of the Alpha Course as a Catalyst for Faith Transformation"

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky

May 2006

Master of Divinity

Focus: Pastoral Leadership

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky

May 1996

Master of Business Administration

Focus: Entrepreneurship

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

August 1992

Bachelor of Science in Management
Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana
May 1991

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

Certificate in Higher Education Assessment
James Madison University
May 2019

Postgraduate Studies
Instructional Theory and Development (CD 820)
Focus: Teaching methods, learning and teaching styles, syllabus construction,
testing and measurement and course objectives
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Fall 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor
Wesley Biblical Seminary, Ridgeland, MS
Contracted to teach courses including, *The History of Christian Thought* and
Christian Literary Classics. (Effective, January 2022 to present)

Affiliate Professor
Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Contracted to teach courses for the School of Practical Theology through the ExL
online program including *United Methodist Polity & Discipline* and *Mentored
Ministry*. (Adjunct status, April 2007 to March 2010, Affiliate Instructor status as
of March 2010 to 2015, Affiliate Professor from 2015 to present)

Contracted to teach courses for the E. Stanley Jones School of Mission and
Evangelism including *The Ministry of Mission & Evangelism*, and *Ministry &
Evangelism in the Small Church*. (Effective, October 2010 to present)

Contracted to teach courses for the School of Theology and Formation including
History and Polity of Methodism, *United Methodist Theology and Polity*, *The
Theology of John Wesley* and *Basic Christian Doctrine*. (Effective, June 2013 to
present)

Adjunct Instructor
Taylor University Online, Fort Wayne, IN
Contracted to teach online business ethics course. (October 2007 to May 2011)

Adjunct Instructor

Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky

Contracted to teach courses in the Management and Ethics track for the Achieve Program (adult degree completion). (July 2007 to May 2008)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Specialized:

Missional Discipleship

Wesleyan Theology

Evangelism: Theology and Practice

Methodist History

General:

Church Growth

Pastoral Leadership

Preaching

United Methodist Doctrine and Polity

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

USA Trustees Chair and Missioner

The Inspire Network, United Kingdom

Inspire is an ecumenical network of Christians seeking to living as mission-shaped disciples and developing missional spirituality in the leadership and life of the church. The network is committed to a Way of Life, to meeting in very small groups called 'bands' for mutual accountability and spiritual direction, and for sharing resources that help us connect personal spirituality with a passion for mission. Missioners are committed to the Inspire vision of mission-shaped discipleship and the development of the Network as a means to that end.

<http://inspiremovement.org> (June 2012 to present)

Assistant Pastor and Mentor (Volunteer)

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Nicholasville, Kentucky

Assists the pastor with preaching, worship planning and other duties as needed. (June 2014 to present)

Pastor of Mission and Evangelism (Volunteer)

Wilmore United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Kentucky

Led the Missions and Evangelism Team in developing strategies for outreach as well as developing and maintaining relationships with missionaries. (June 2010 to June 2013)

Founding Pastor

NorthPoint, A United Methodist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana

Led the transition from an existing church to a new church start. Created leadership development systems, small group systems and evangelism strategies. Led the process of developing plans for a new church building. (June 2003 to May 2007)

Minister of Evangelism

Broadmoor United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Planned and implemented programs and strategies for reaching unchurched people including the Alpha Course. Led a taskforce to develop and launch a new Sunday morning contemporary worship service. Preached for Saturday evening and Sunday morning contemporary worship services. (June 1999 to June 2002)

Ordained Elder

Louisiana Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
(June 1999)

Pastor

Hodge - Dodson - New Hope United Methodist Churches

Led the congregations through a process of re-visioning, reorganizing and implementing strategies for growth.
(June 1996 to June 1999)

Supervised Ministry, Asbury Theological Seminary

University of Kentucky Wesley Foundation, Lexington, Kentucky

Assisted the Director in worship and leadership training. (February to May 1995)

Supervised Ministry, Asbury Theological Seminary

Christ United Methodist Church, Lexington, Kentucky

Assisted the Senior Pastor with morning worship, preached Sunday evenings, and taught class on basics of Christianity. (February to May 1994)

Intern

Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation, Ruston, Louisiana

Coordinated student led worship, Tuesday Luncheons, outreach ministries and mission trips. Raised personal financial support. (November 1992 to May 1993)

Student Pastor

Summerfield-Beech Grove United Methodist Churches

(January 1993 to May 1993)

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION

Assistant Provost

Office of Academic Affairs, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
The Assistant Provost provides academic leadership in areas assigned by the Provost, including curricular design and implementation, negotiation of agreements with other academic institutions, and assisting with day-to-day operations of the Office of Academic Affairs. In addition, the Assistant Provost represents the seminary to higher education associations and external agencies regarding areas of academic quality assurance and accreditation standards. The Assistant Provost is charged with the development and systematic planning for the seminary meeting all accreditation standards, co-curricular and curricular quality assurance processes, and provides support for planning of curricular programs. The Assistant Provost is an administrative appointment with non-tenure track faculty status and is a member of the Academic Council and Curriculum Committee. (July 2016 to June 2022)

Assistant Provost (Interim)

Office of Academic Affairs, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Assist the Provost as assigned. Work assignments are typically divided between projects to assist the President/Provost with significant institutional goals, and miscellaneous Provost tasks (Associate/Assistant Provost level work) that allow the Provost to focus on higher priority or more urgent issues. (January 2015 to July 2016)

Assistant Executive Director of Library Services (Interim)

B. L. Fisher Library, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Lead the activities of the Library through the daily managing, planning, budgeting, hiring, evaluating staff, and accessing the services of the Library for accreditation. (January 2015 to July 2016)

Special Assistant to the Provost

Office of Academic Affairs, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
Work with the Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment Team at Asbury Theological Seminary to design and implement institutional effectiveness policies and procedures campus-wide. Specifically focused on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges. (January 2013 to January 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Yeich, B., 'Following Jesus in Mission' Wesleyan Accent, January 19, 2023:
<https://wesleyanaccent.com/brian-yeich-following-jesus-in-mission/>

Yeich, B., 'Staring at the Sky: Living after the Ascension,' Wesleyan Accent, July 16, 2021: <https://wesleyanaccent.com/staring-at-sky-living-after-ascension-brian-yeich/>

Yeich, B., 'Vicarious Faith in Community,' Wesleyan Accent, November 23, 2020:
<https://wesleyanaccent.com/vicarious-faith-in-community/>

Yeich B., 'On Francis Asbury,' Voices of Renewal Podcast, October 21, 2020:
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/voices-of-renewal/id1533426493?i=1000495559658>

Yeich, B., 'Where is your Zeal Focused: Lessons from Francis Asbury,' Wesleyan Accent, July 17, 2019: <https://www.wesleyanaccent.com/brian-yeich-where-is-your-zeal-focused-lessons-from-francis-asbury/>

Yeich, B., 'What Providence Looks Like,' Wesleyan Accent, April 24, 2019:
<https://www.wesleyanaccent.com/brian-yeich-what-providence-looks-like/>

Yeich, S. B., "Leading change in a plural world: the art of Christian advocacy and orchestration" in Powe, F. Douglas, and Jack Jackson. *E. Stanley Jones and Sharing the Good News in a Pluralistic Society*. Nashville: Wesley's Foundry Books, 2018.

Yeich, B., 'The Lost Metric of Testimony,' Wesleyan Accent, July 20, 2017:
<https://www.wesleyanaccent.com/brian-yeich-lost-metric-testimony/>

Yeich, B., 'The Right Church: Live Like the First Christians' (Book Review), *Asbury Theological Journal*, 68, 2 (2013), pp. 178-180.

Yeich, B., 'Poetry as the handmaid of piety: Hymns as a catalyst for human development in Early Methodism', *Asbury Theological Journal*, 66, 2 (2012), pp. 77-92.

WRITING PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Article: 'Cliff College,' for publication in the 4th edition of the *Historical Dictionary of Methodism* to be published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Article: 'William E. Sangster,' for publication in the 4th edition of the *Historical Dictionary of Methodism* to be published by Rowman and Littlefield.

Article: 'A Vision for Evangelism,' for publication in the *Wesleyan Theological Journal*

Article: 'The Pursuit of Holiness and Mission,' for publication in *Witness: The Journal of the Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education*.

PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Colloquium on Social Holiness, Asbury Theological Seminary
Session Moderator, April 2018

Advanced Research Program Colloquium, “Wesleyan Theology and Mission,” Asbury Theological Seminary, Faculty Panel Participant, April 2017

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 12, 2014
Presented Paper: “John Wesley’s Way of Evangelism”

Wesleyan Theological Society, March 7, 2014
Presented paper: “The Pursuit of Holiness and Mission”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 11, 2013
Presented paper: “Christian Perfection as a Vision for Evangelism: Fragmented Disciple Making”

John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference, January 5, 2013
Presented paper: “Fragmented Disciple Making”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 12, 2012
Presented paper: “Christian Perfection as Discipleship”

Asbury Theological Seminary Advanced Research Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium, October 14, 2011
Presented paper: “Poetry as the Handmaid of Piety: Hymns as a Catalyst for Human Development in Early Methodism”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 12, 2011
Presented paper: “Early Methodists, Evangelism and Christian Perfection”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 12, 2010
Presented paper: “The Facets of Perfection: A Typological Approach to Wesley’s Doctrine”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 12, 2009
Presented paper: “Christian Perfection as a Constitutive Doctrine”

Cliff College Post Graduate Seminar, March 11, 2008
Presented paper: “The Doctrine of Christian Perfection as a Vision for Evangelism”

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Harry Denman Fellowship (John Wesley Fellows) – PhD fellowship awarded by the Foundation for Evangelism (United Methodist Church) and administered by A Foundation for Theological Education (AFTE) - Recipient 2010

Beeson Pastor Fellowship, Asbury Theological Seminary
Recipient (2002-2003)

The Dr. Guy M. and Bess C. Hicks Endowed Scholarship, Asbury Theological Seminary
Recipient (1993-1996)

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Next Methodism Summit
Subsection Leader on “Witness” (January 2022)

The World Methodist Conference
2016, August – Workshop Presenter on the Inspire Movement (Missional Discipleship)

The Order of the Flame (World Methodist Evangelism)

2016, March – Workshop Presenter on Missional Discipleship
 Asbury Theological Seminary Ministry Conference

2015 – Workshop Presenter: Church Planting in the Wesleyan Tradition
 Wesleyan Theological Society

2014 - Presenter
 John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference, Houston, TX

2013 – Seminar Convener
 American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD

2013 - Attendee
 Institute on Quality Enhancement and Accreditation, Daytona Beach, FL

2013 – Attendee
 Wesleyan Theological Society, Seattle, WA

2013 - Attendee
 The Annual Meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission
 on Colleges (SACSCOC)

2012 – Attendee
 John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference, Houston, TX

2012 – Seminar Convener
 Wesleyan Theological Society, Nashville, TN

2012 - Attendee
 John Wesley Fellows Christmas Conference, Atlanta, GA

2011 – Attendee
 American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA

2011 – Attendee, Wesleyan Studies Section
 American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL

2008 – Attendee, Wesleyan Studies Section
 Fresh Expressions Conference of the British Methodist Church
 High Wycombe, England, March 2008.

Asbury Theological Seminary – ExL Training, Wilmore, KY
 2007 – Training for online teaching including “Moodle”

Asbury Theological Seminary’s Ministry Conference, Wilmore, KY
 2007 – “New Generation”

Beeson Institute Module 7 – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 2005 – “Worship, Preaching & Transition”

Beeson Institute Module 4 – Montgomery, AL
 2004 – “Build the Dream Team” – Lay mobilization

School of Congregational Development, Washington D.C.
 2003 – Church planting and congregational transformation

Catalyst Conference
 2003 – “Next Generation Leadership”

Beeson Institute Module 1 – Phoenix, AZ
 2003 – “Visionary Leadership”

Beeson Institute Module 9 – Louisville
 2002 – “Building Blocks for an Effective Church”

Church of the Resurrection’s Leadership Institute, Kansas City, MO
 2002 – Leadership, evangelism, preaching

Catalyst Conference, Atlanta, GA
 2002 - "Next Generation Leadership"

Willow Creek Leadership Summit
 2002 - "The Sky High Stakes of Leadership"

Purpose Driven Church Conference – Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, CA
 2002 – Purpose driven church leadership & church planting

Catalyst Conference, Atlanta, GA
 2001 – "Next Generation Leadership"

Order of the Flame - World Methodist Council, St. Simon's Island, GA
 2001 – Evangelism in the New Millennium

Ginghamsburg Change Conference, Troy, OH
 2000 – Ministry for the 21st Century

Congress on Evangelism
 1999 – New Orleans
 1998 – Seeker ministry emphasis ("Ministry outside the margins")
 1997 – A Church for the 21st Century (Speaking to a post-Christian age)

Asbury Theological Seminary Minister's Conference
 1998 – Lay ministry emphasis
 1997 – Blended & contemporary worship emphasis

ATS 2000 - Asbury Theological Seminary
 1995 – Technology and Ministry

Stephen Covey Seminar
 1993 - Principle Centered Leadership

HONORS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Harry Denman Fellowship (John Wesley Fellows)
 PhD fellowship - Recipient 2010

Asbury Theological Seminary
 Strategic Enrollment Management Plan, Student Learning Working Group (2014)
 Church Planting, Non-Residential Taskforce (2013 – 2015)
 Church Renewal, Revitalization & Planting Vision Team (2010 – 2011)
 Doctor of Ministry Faculty Dissertation Mentor (2010 – present)
 Doctor of Ministry Faculty Dissertation Reader (2008 – present)

Board of Ordained Ministry, Louisiana Conference of the United Methodist Church
 Candidacy Mentor (2006 – present)

Mentored Ministry Program, Asbury Theological Seminary
 Mentor (February 2006 – 2007)

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry of the Louisiana Annual Conference
 Member (2006 –2007)

Ark-la-Tex Franklin Graham Festival
 Pastor's Committee, Member (2005)

Alpha North America
 Advisor (2005-present)

Congress on Evangelism (New Orleans)
 Staff, Multi-media Coordinator (1999)

Caney Conference Centre Jr. High Camp
Assistant Camp Director (1998)
Ruston District Ministry Team
Renewal Coordinator (1998-1999)
Louisiana Asbury Alumni Fellowship
Treasurer (1998-2001)
Cross Bayou Emmaus
Assistant Spiritual Director, Women's Walk #7 (1997)
North Louisiana Men's Chrysalis
Assistant Spiritual Director (1997)
Louisiana Tech Wesley Foundation
Board of Directors (1996-1999)
Jonesboro-Hodge Lions Club
Member (1996-1999)
Jackson Parish Ministerial Alliance
Treasurer (1996-1999)
Small Business Institute, Louisiana Tech University
Chair, Student Consulting Team (1992)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Associate Fellow of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre
(January 2022 – present)
Academy for Evangelism in Theological Education
Member (2013 – present)
American Academy of Religion
Member (2008 – present)
Manchester Wesley Research Centre
Junior Research Fellow (June 2008 – 2021)
Wesleyan Theological Society
Member (2007 – present)

REFERENCES

Available upon request