

# Michael K. Turner

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Academic Positions

**Associate Professor of Wesleyan Studies** • 2016 –  
Director of the Methodist House of Studies

**Associate Professor of the History of Christianity** • 2012 to 2016  
Chair of Area II (Historical Studies) • Director of United Methodist Studies  
Hood Theological Seminary • Salisbury, NC

**Assistant Professor of Religious Studies** • 2009-2012  
Misericordia University • Dallas, PA

### Additional Teaching Experience

**Instructor, Course of Study** • 2014 to present  
Garrett-Evangelical Seminary • Evanston, IL

**Instructor, Course of Study** • 2004 to present  
GBHEM (UMC) • Nashville, TN

**Instructor in Department of History** • 2005-2008  
Volunteer State Community College • Gallatin, TN

**Teaching Fellow in the History of Christianity** • 2002-2009  
Vanderbilt Divinity School • Nashville, TN

**Teaching Fellow in American Studies** • 2003-2005  
Vanderbilt University • Nashville, TN

### Education

**Doctor of Philosophy in Religious Studies** • 2009  
Vanderbilt University • Nashville, TN

*Major Area:* History of Christianity • *Minor Area:* Native American Religions  
*Dissertation:* “Redeeming the Time: The Making of Early American Methodism”  
*Qualifying Exams:* Religion and the Early Church, Religion in Modern Europe, Religion and the Reformation Era, American Religious History, African American Religious History, Native American Cultures and Religion, Religion and the Early Republic

**Master of Arts in Religious Studies** • 2006  
Vanderbilt University • Nashville, TN

**Master of Divinity** • 2000

Candler School of Theology • Emory University • Atlanta, GA

**Bachelor of Arts** • 1997

Majors: Religion, Philosophy

Emory & Henry College • Emory, VA

## **Selected Ecclesiastical Experience**

**Pastor** • 2009-2012

United Methodist Church of Pittston • Pittston, PA

**Pastor** • 2006-2009

Centenary & New Bethel United Methodist Churches • Nashville, TN

## **Library Experience**

**Historical Studies Bibliographer** • 2002-2009

Vanderbilt Divinity Library • Nashville, TN

## **Courses Taught**

**Memphis Theological Seminary:** Religion, Slavery, and the U.S. Civil War • Early Methodism

**Hood Theological Seminary:** History of Christianity I (30 C.E. – 1500 C.E.) • History of Christianity II (1500 to present) • History of Christianity in a Global Context • History of Religion in the U.S. • United Methodist History • Methodist Doctrine • Religion, Slavery, and the U.S. Civil War • Seminar in the History of Christianity: Religious Autobiography • Death & Dying

**Misericordia University:** World Religions • Death & Dying • History of Christianity • Global Christianity • Religion in America • First Year Seminar • Theology of the Church

**Vanderbilt University:** Religion in the Reformation Era • History of the Methodist Tradition • Introduction to American Studies • History of Religion in the U.S.

**Volunteer State Community College:** American History I & II • History of World Civilization I

## **Selected Publications and Academic Presentations**

### **Articles**

“Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address,” “Christian Methodist Episcopal Church,” “Hood, James Walker,” “Oxnam, Garfield Bromley,” “Varick, James,” “Young, Brigham” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, ed. Mark Lamport. Rowan & Littlefield, 2015.

"Preaching and Revivalism," in the *Cambridge Companion to American Methodism*, ed. Jason Vickers. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.

"United Methodist Church" in *Baker Handbook of Denominations and Ministries*, ed., G.T. Kurian. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing House, 2012.

"African Methodist Episcopal Church" in *Baker Handbook of Denominations and Ministries*, ed. G.T. Kurian (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing House, 2012).

"Methodist Churches," in *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. G.T. Kurian. Oxford: Blackwells, 2011.

"Pilgrim's Progress," in *The Encyclopedia of Christian Civilization*, ed. G.T. Kurian. Oxford: Blackwells, 2011.

"Taverner's Bible" in *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009.

"Version, Wycliffe's" in *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2009.

### **Book Reviews**

"Review – Bettye Collier-Thomas's *Jesus, Jobs, and Justice*" in *The Journal of American Ethnic History*, 2012.

"Review – John Wigger's *American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists*" in *Wesley and Methodist Studies* vol. 3, 2012

"Review – Eric Gritsch's *The Wit of Martin Luther*" in *Religious Studies Review*, 2011

"Review – Gwang Seok Oh's *John Wesley's Ecclesiology: A Study in its Sources and Development*" in *Religious Studies Review*, 2011.

"Review – David Hempton's *Methodism: Empire of the Spirit*," *Methodist History* 43 (Spring 2006), 2007.

### **Academic Papers and Presentations**

"Free Will Theology and Nineteenth-Century Methodism," Summer Wesley Studies Seminar, Asbury Theological Seminary, June 2015

"Lincoln and the Churches: The Making of Union Nationalism in the Civil War Era," Wesley Studies Seminar, Duke Divinity School, June, 2014

"Mr. Lincoln and the Methodists: Mythmaking in Late 19<sup>th</sup> century America," History of Christianity Group, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, November 2013.

"Methodist and Mediums: The Mainline Protestant Encounter with Spiritualism," Popular Cultural Association/American Culture Association, Washington D.C., March 2013.

"The Americanization of Buddhism: The *Dhammapada* and its Nineteenth-Century Interpreters," in NEH Seminar – "Interpreting Buddhist Classic Texts," Mangalam Research Center, Berkeley, CA, July 2013.

"'To Serve God or the Devil': Lorenzo Dow and the Supernatural Worldview," Hood Theological Seminary Faculty Colloquium, Salisbury, NC, November 2012.

"Christianity and Folk Magic Traditions in the Early Republic," Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association, Boston, MA, April 2012

"Lorenzo Dow and the Magical Worldview," American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2011.

"Camp Meeting Revivalism and the Early Republic," Faculty Research Symposium, Misericordia University, Dallas, PA, March 2011.

"Social Activism and the Religious Ideology of James Lawson," American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region, New Brunswick, NJ, March 2010.

Panel Chair – Religion in America Panel, American Academy of Religion, Mid-Atlantic Region. New Brunswick, NJ, March 2010.

"Nathan Bangs and the 'Canada Fire'" American Academy of Religion, Wesley Studies Group, Montreal, Canada, November 2009.

"Responsibility and Social Action in Early Methodism," 12<sup>th</sup> Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, UK, July 2008.

"Religious Authority, Methodism, and the Early Republic," Wesley Studies Seminar, Duke University, Durham, NC, July 2006.

"Popular Religion and the Early Republic: Examining a Hypothesis," Southeastern Regional Meeting, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, March 2006.

"The Form and Function of Methodist Religious Autobiography," 11<sup>th</sup> Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, U.K., July 2002.

"Freedom and Identity in Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century American Methodism," American Academy of Religion, Wesley Studies Group, Denver, CO, November, 2001.

"Slavery and Theology in 19<sup>th</sup> century America," Graduate Students in Religion Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, October 2002.

"'A Pope Among Men': Hagiography, Francis Asbury, and Early American Methodism," Graduate Students in Religion Colloquium, Vanderbilt University, October, 2001.

### **Invited Endowed Lectures**

"'To Serve the Present Age': The Wesleyan Revival in England," Emory & Henry College, Staley Lecture Series, April 2013.

"Camp Meeting Revivalism and the Second Great Awakening," Emory & Henry College, Staley Lecture Series, April 2013.

"Francis Asbury and the Making of American Methodism," Lambuth University, October 2006.

### **Select Professional Development**

**Wesley Studies Seminar • 2015**  
Asbury Theological Seminary • Wilmore, KY

**Conference on The Future of Theological Education in the UMC • 2015**  
Turner Center for Church Leadership, Vanderbilt Divinity School  
Scarritt Bennett Center • Nashville, TN,

**Wesley Studies Seminar • 2014**  
Duke University • Durham, NC

**Interpreting Classic Buddhist Texts • 2013**  
National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar • Berkeley, CA

**UMC After Tampa • 2013**  
Candler School of Theology and GBHEM • Atlanta, GA

**Wesley Studies Seminar • 2006**  
Duke University • Durham, NC

**Karak Plateau Archaeology Project • 1997**  
Karak, Jordan

**Keble College, Oxford University • 1996**

Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies • Oxford, England

## **Administrative Experience and University Service**

### **Hood Theological Seminary**

Chair of Area II (Historical Studies) • 2012-  
Director of United Methodist Studies • 2013-  
Chair, Committee on the Faculty • 2013-  
Social Media Coordinator • 2012-  
Chair, Pastoral Care & Counseling Search • 2012  
Faculty Secretary • 2012  
Member of Technology Committee (2014 to present) • Library and Lectureship  
Committee (2012 to present) • Academic Standards and Curriculum (2012 to present) •  
Joint Board Committee (2012 to present) • Admissions Committee (2013 to present) •  
Development Committee (2013-2014) • Chapel and Spiritual Formation Committee  
(2012-2013) • Financial Aid and Scholarship Committee (2012-2013)

### **Misericordia University**

Secretary, Graduate Curriculum Committee (2011-2012) • Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary  
Film Committee (2011-2012) • Library Liaison, Department of Religious Studies (2009-  
2012) • Member of Mission Integration Committee (2011-2012)

### **Professional Service**

Member of Steering Committee • Association of Methodist Educators (*in development*)  
Member of the Steering Committee • Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of  
Religion • March 2011-August 2012

## **Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

Race and Ethnic History Grant, GCAH • 2015  
Excellence in Teaching and Serving Award, Hood Theological Seminary • 2015  
National Endowment for the Humanities Grant • 2013  
Summer Research Grant • Misericordia University • 2010  
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Scholarship • Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies • 2007  
Wesley Studies Seminar Grant • Duke University • 2006  
Full Scholarship • Vanderbilt University • 2001-2009  
American Studies Assistantship • 2003-2005  
Dean's Award Scholarship • Candler School of Theology • 1997-2000

## **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion  
American Society of Church History  
American Culture Associate / Popular Culture Association  
American Historical Association

## References

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