

Note: This document is not strictly an academic vita. It is a resume that reflects the professional work I do in several fields of education; e.g. ecumenical, community, public and via the media.

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Academic History:

B.A. in Bible with minors in Greek and English, Abilene Christian University, 1961.

M.A. in Doctrine with minor in Hebrew, A.C.U., 1969. Thesis: "The Apologetic Method of C.S. Lewis."

M.A. in Religious Studies with concentration in Theology and Theological Ethics, Rice University, 1974.

Ph.D in Religious Studies, Rice University, 1979. Dissertation: "Two Ages and Two Communities: Implications of an Eschatological Duality for Construction of a Social Ethic."

(Eighty undergraduate and eighty-one graduate hours in Religion)

Academic Honors: A Club Scholarship (ACC, 1961): McGarvey Fellowship (ACC, 1962): Rice Graduate Scholar (1969-70): Rice Graduate Fellow (1970-72).

Professional Experience:

Teacher

Resident Scholar in Religion in A.D. Bruce Religion Center and Director of Religious Studies Program for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of Houston, 1985-Present.

Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Religion, Graduate School, Religion Division, Pepperdine University, June, 1993.

Associate Professor in The Department of Theology, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas, 1974-1985.

Visiting Theologian, University of Houston, 1981-1982.

Graduate Scholar Department of Religious Studies, Rice University, 1971-1972.

English Teacher, Los Fresnos Independent School District (Texas), 1965-1968.

Minister- Teacher

Bering Drive Church of Christ, Houston, Texas, 1974-Present.

Woodville, Texas, Church of Christ, 1972-1974.

Los Fresnos, Texas, Church of Christ, 1964-1968.

Chaney, Texas, Church of Christ, 1962.

Mercedes, Texas, Church of Christ, Intermitt.

Hargill, Texas, Church of Christ, 1957-1958.

Community and Civic Affairs:

Teacher- Counselor for migrant worker's children, Los Fresnos, Texas, (1966-68).

Little League manager and coach, Abilene (1963-64) and Los Fresnos (1964-66).

Member Committee on Anti-Semitism—National Conference of Christians and Jews. (1973).

Board of Directors—Tyler County Council for Education of Exceptional Children (1973-74).

Vice-President, Tyler County Ministerial Association (1973-74).

Director on the Board of “Colonias De Vall” education project by Texas Committee on the Humanities and Public Policy (National Endowments for the Humanities).

Official Evaluator for Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy of Rice University's Program on “Religious Liberty and the American Tradition.” (1979)

Resource Person for other projects of Texas Committee on the Humanities and Public Policy.

Official Observer and Evaluator, National Women's Conference, Houston (1977).

President, Board of Directors of Northborough (Harris County) Utility District (1977-78).

Board of Directors, Christian Child Help Foundation, Houston, Texas (1981-).

Speaker, Religious Emphasis Week, University of Houston (Fall 1980 and Spring 1981).

Chairman, Board of Directors, Churches of Christ Medical Center Chaplaincy (1982-84).

YMCA Baseball manager and coach, Houston (1982-86).

Advisory Board, Christian Schools of Greater Houston (1984).

Board, Church of Christ Student Foundation, Houston (1985-86).

Consultant to Texas Attorney General on Church/State cases.

Resource person for Houston Media on Religious issues.

Member-Houston Interfaith Interfaith Interjudiciary Forum.

Allocation Committee, Houston Campaign for the Homeless.

Member-Religious Advisory Committee of Planned Parenthood (1988-89).

Member Committee for Muslim-Christian Dialogue, National Conference of Christians And Jews.

Major Areas: Bible, Theology and Social Ethics, Religion and Culture

1. Books

Walking in the Light: How Christians Face Ethical Issues. Austin, Texas, Sweet Publishing Co., 1974.

Two Ages and Two Communities: The Implications of An Eschatological Duality for Development of a Social Ethic. Dissertation at Rice University, 1979. University Microfilms International.

The Christian Vision and Public Ethics. Peter Lang Publishing Co., Bern and Frankfurt. 1988.

Editor, All Things Praise Thee...Lord May We. Malibu, Cal., Partnership for Christian Ministry and Publication, Pepperdine University, 1990.

Mitchell, Lynn, et al. Gender and Ministry. Huntsville, Alabama: Freed-Hardeman University—Publishing Designs, 1990.

Preface, Koresh: The Waco Holocaust, by Edwin Felix. Houston, Texas: Univers de Presse, 1994.

Books on How to Read Genesis 1-3 in progress.

Incorporating Children into the Life of the Church (with Carol Mitchell) at the publishers for consideration.

Children's book All God's Children are Adopted in progress.

2. Articles

“Dialogue with Beasley-Murray,” *Mission Journal*. Austin, Texas. Vol. 9, No. 2, August 1975.

“Beasley-Murray, Baptism and the Baptists: An Analysis of Baptist-Church of Christ Dialogue,” *Mission Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 2, August 1976

“Joy: A Theological Reflection,” *Mission Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 9, April 1976.

“Coming Out in Houston: Dialogue with the A Cappella Chorus,” *Mission Journal*, vol. 13, No. 4, October 1979.

“Homerophobia: A Theological Reflection,” *Mission Journal*, vol. 13, No. 4, October 1979.

“Creation Science in History and Legend,” *Mission Journal*, vol. 15, No. 9, July 1982.

“Getting On With It: Theological Reflection,” *Mission Journal*, vol. 16, No. 1, July 1982.

“Why Seminaries Should Not Sacrifice Theory to Practice,” *Journal of Minister’s Personal Library*. Vol. VI, No. 2, pp.12ff., 1985.

“The Concept of ‘Saeculum’ as an Eschatological Modus Vivendi in Augustine,” in progress.

Articles written as Contributing Theological Editor and Columnist for *Mission Journal*, an Independent theological monthly, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

“A Theology of Salvation: The Salvation of Theology,” Vol. 18, No. 7, January 1985.

“Theology for the ‘Wayfaring Man’,” Vol. 18, No. 9, March 1985.

“Sex and Money in the Will of God,” Vol. 18, No. 10, April 1985.

“The Redemption of the Body,” Vol. 18, No. 11, May 1985.

“The Pain of Creation/Redemption,” Vol. 18, No. 12, June 1985.

“Life Beyond Death,” Vol. 19, No. 1, July 1985.

“The Eschatological Community,” Vol. 19, No. 1 0 2, August-September 1985.

“Church as Pilgrim People,” Vol. 19, No. 3, October 1985.

“On the Mission of Churches of Christ,” Vol. 19, No. 5, December 1985.

“The Spirit at Work,” Vol. 19, No. 7, February 1986.

“The Church in the Power of the Spirit,” Vol. 19, No. 8, March 1986.

“What Language Shall I Borrow: The High and Low of It,” Leaven, Malibu, Cal.: Partnership for Ministry and Publication, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp.36-42.

“Teaching Authority in the Church,” Leaven, Malibu, Cal., Vol. 2, No. 1 (Winter, 1990), pp. 18-24.

“Does Abandonment of Exclusive Truth Mean the Loss of Reason for Existence,” Encounter, Journal of the Christian Theological Seminary. Indianapolis, Indiana, Spring, 1992, pp. 119-134.

“Beyond Exclusivism” in the Restoration Ideal, Leaven, Malibu, Cal.: Partnership for Ministry and Publication, Vol. 11, No. 3, 1993, pp. 9-14.

3. Book Reviews

C.S. Lewis: Defender of the Faith, by Richard B. Cunningham. C.S. Lewis: a critical essay by Peter Kreeft. Restoration Quarterly, Vol. 12, No. 4, 1969.

God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics, by C.S. Lewis. Restoration Quarterly, Vol. 14, No. 4, 1972.

The Myth of God Incarnate, ed. By John Hick. The Truth of God Incarnate, ed. By Michael Green. Incarnation and Myth: The Debate Continued, ed. By Michael Goulder, Mission Journal, Vol. 14, No. 6, December 1980.

Christian Faith and Public Choices: THE Social Ethics of Barth, Brunner, and Bonhoeffer, by RobinW. Lovin. Journal of the Ministers Personal Library, Vol. V. No. 4, 1984.

Rediscovering Our Roots, by Richard Hughes and Leonard Allen. The Restoration Quarterly.

What Most Women Want, What Few Women Get, by F. LaGard Smith. Wineskins, Nashville, Tenn., Vol. 11, No. 1, pp. 21-23.

4. Papers read at professional meetings

“Fundamentalism According to James Barr: A Critique,” National Christian Scholars Conference, National Christian Education Conference. Abilene, Texas, June 1981.

“Evangelism and the Jews,” by Joe Barnhart. A response. American Academy of Religion (Southwestern Region), March, 1984.

“From Exegesis to Theology: A Theologian’s Perspective,” National Christian Scholar’s Conference, July 1984.

“The Cruciform Church, by Leonard Allen: An Evaluation,” Plenary Lecture, National Christian Scholars Conference, Abilene, Texas 1989.

“Who is the Holy Spirit?” Pneumatology—Ecclesiology Subgroup, Faith and Order Commission, National Council of Churches, Mayfair, N.J., 1989.

“The Continued Usefulness of Restorationism,” Conference on Churches in the Post-Modern World, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, Tennessee, July 15-17, 1991.

“Absolute Truth,” National Christian Scholars Conference, David Lipscomb University, July 18-20, 1991.

“The Use of the Sacred Texts in Forming the Faith of the Christian Community,” Tri-lateral Conference (Muslim-Christian-Jew), funded by Lilly Foundation for Religious Education Association of the United States and Canada., Oct. 10, 1991.

“Churches of Christ in a Post-Modern World,” Theology Section, Conference on Churches in the Post-Modern World II, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 1993.

“On Telling the Truth,” National Science and the Christian Faith Section, National Christian Scholars Conference, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Cal., July 20, 1994.

5. Papers, Panels, Lectures and Presentations

A. Academic Setting

Panel on Unity between Churches of Christ and Church of God (Anderson, Ind.). Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, Texas, 1973.

“The Role of Women in the Church: The Hermeneutical Problem,” Women in Christ Today Seminar, Institute for Biblical Studies, Austin, TX, Feb. 1975.

“Moral and Ethical Issues in the Business World,” Respondent to presentation by Joe Foy. Religious Awareness Week, Student Life Division, University of Houston, April 1, 1980.

“The War Between Science and Religion: A Battlefield Revisited,” Religion in Dialogue, Student Life Division, University of Houston, Oct. 30, 1980.

“Our Tradition: A Study of the Religion Between Historical Roots and Faith,” Church of Christ Campus Ministry, University of Houston, Oct. 9-11, 1981.

“A Non-Violent Interpretation of the Post Darwinian Controversies,” Religion in Dialogue. Sponsored by Student Life Division, Campus Ministry Association, Honors Program, University of Houston, Oct. 19, 1981.

“The Reformation: Ripple or Revolution,” Religion in Dialogue. Student Life Division, Ecumenical University Ministry, University of Houston, Oct. 30, 1981.

“The Politics of Creationism,” Religion in Dialogue. Sponsored by Student Life Division, Ecumenical University Ministry, University of Houston, November 3, 1981.

“The Bible as Primary Document of Western Culture,” a series of 10 Lectures sponsored by A.D. Bruce Religion Center, Campus Ministers Association and the Rockwell Foundation, Sept. 29-December 1, 1981.

“Critical Issues in Modern Religious Thought,” Seminars conducted under auspices of Division of Humanities and Fine Arts and Honors Program, University of Houston. Sponsored by Rockwell Foundation, Spring 1982.

“War and Peace in the Religious Tradition,” Religion in Dialogue, Student Life Division, Ecumenical University Ministry and B’nai B’rith Hillel Foundation. (Panel) March 30, 1982.

“Modern Theological Options,” Sponsored by A.D. Bruce Religion Center and Honors Program, University of Houston, May 6, 1982.

“Scientific Creationism,” Seminar on Religious Studies, Rice University and the College of Education, University of Houston, June 8, 1982.

Moslem-Jewish-Christian Dialogue, A.D. Bruce Religion Center, Fall of 1985.

“Secular Humanism,” The Margaret Ford Show, KUHT-TV, July 21, 1987.

“TV Evangelists and the Politics of Fundamentalism,” The Houston Seminar, Rice University, October 19, 1987.

“Roots of Worship in the Church of Christ,” The Pepperdine University Lectureship, Pepperdine University, April 20-21, 1988.

“Cults,” River Oaks Breakfast Club, August 23, 1990.

“The Christian Tradition,” Anytown, USA, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Houston, Texas, _____

“Religion’s Role in Eastern Europe,” Evolution or Revolution in Eastern Europe, Historical Week, University of Houston at Clear Lake, October 9, 1990.

“Women’s Role in the Church,” Leadership Forum, Freed-Hardeman University, Henderson, Tennessee, October 13, 1990.

“David Koresh,” Alvin Junior College, April 28, 1993.

“The Politics of Fundamentalism,” Lee College Symposium on Public Affairs. Lee College, Baytown Texas, April 28, 1993.

“Women’s Role in Public Worship of the Church: A Hermeneutical and Theological Reflection,” Alumni Association Forum, Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee, April 13, 1993.

“Christian Faith and Public Ethics: Religion in Public Schools,” Distinguished Visiting Scholar’s Seminar, Graduate School, Religion Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, June 14-25, 1993.

“The Peace of Jerusalem,” Seminar on Jerusalem, Rice University, March 22, 1994.

“Church/State Separation: Who Gets the Kids?” Houston American Civil Liberties Union, First Methodist Church, Houston, June 14, 1994.

“Jesus Christ: Perspectives from the Christian Scriptures,” Christian-Muslim Dialogue, World Affairs Lounge, University of Houston, October 19, 1994.

Lectures for the Forum for Interrelations Understanding, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Autry House, Houston, Texas.

“Alcohol and the Religious Community,” September 1989.

“Life After Death,” January, 1990.

“The Doctrine of Salvation As Understood by Muslims, Christians and Jews,” September 1990.

“Islamic and Jewish Views of Jesus: A Christian Response,” September 1991.

“Death Rituals and Practices,” April, 1992.

“Is There a Place for Religious Values in the Modern School System?,” October 1992.

“The Influence of Religion in the Middle East Crisis,” May 1993.

“Violence and the Religious Right,” August 1993.

“Religion in Public Schools,” November 1993.

“Holy Places, Shrines and Pilgrimages in Religious Traditions (Christian Perspective),” May 1995.

“Religion and Politics,” October 1995.

“Science and Myth in Genesis,” The Foundation for Contemporary Theology, The Forest Club, Houston, Texas, October 4, 1995.

B. Church Settings

“Introduction to Revelation,” Central Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, 1972.

“Seminar on C.S. Lewis,” Series of Lectures. Southwest Church of Christ, Houston, Texas, 1972.

“Tillich’s Philosophical Antecedents,” Westminster Presbyterian Church, Baytown, Texas, December 1973.

“Grace and the Wrath of God in Romans,” a series of Lenten lectures at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Houston, Texas, 1978.

“Reinhold Niebuhr’s Political Ethics: A Centrist Position,” St. Francis Episcopal Church, Houston, TX., 1979.

“The Apocalyptic World View,” Burke Road Church of Christ, Pasadena, TX.
(Also Bering Drive Church of Christ, Houston) 1981.

“The Restoration Heritage,” First Christian Church, Huntsville, TX., 1981.

“Scientific Creationism,” Bethany Methodist Church, Houston, TX., 1982.

“Creation: How to Read Genesis 1 and 2,” Brentwood Church of Christ, Irving, TX., June 1982.

“Worship: Restoration Backgrounds,” Central Church of Christ, Irving, TX., June 1982.

Lenten Lecture Series, “The Beginning and the End in the Bible,” Christ Church Cathedral, February and March, 1983.

“Coping with Change in Worship,” National Conference for Churches Coping with Change, Irving, TX., February, 1984.

“Predestination in Karl Barth,” Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX., April 1984.

“Job,” Gethsemane Methodist Church, February, 1986.

“Fundamentalism,” First Presbyterian Church, Houston, TX., May, 1987.

“Fundamentalism,” Bering Methodist Church, Houston, TX., April, 1987.

“Fundamentalism,” Gethsemane Methodist, Houston, TX., February, 1988.

“Reflections on Our Theme,” Conference on Restoring the Gospel, Bering Drive Church, Houston, TX., 1988.

“Can Christianity Survive Fundamentalism,” 1990 Covenant Lectures, A Liberal Church Speaks, April, 1990.

“Fundamentalists and the Religious Right,” with Mitchell Lukin of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League, Congregation Brith Shalom, December 18, 1994.

(The Above Are Representative: Dozens of Others Are Not Yet Entered)

6. Consultation Services

Member, Committee on Anti-Semitism, National Conference of Christians and Jews, 1973.

Representative of Churches of Christ at the Church of Christ and Church of God Unity Conference, Gulf Coast Bible College, Houston, TX., 1973.

Participant and Evaluator (for Mission Journal) of “Unity Day: Dialogue between Church of Christ and Southern Baptist Church,” South Main Baptist Church, Houston, TX., 1975.

Director on Board for “Colonias Del Valle,” education project by Texas Committee on the Humanities and Public Policy (National Endowment for the Humanities) 1975.

Official Evaluator for Texas Committee for the Humanities and Public Policy of Rice University’s program on “Religious Liberty and the American Tradition,” 1979.

Resource Person for other projects of Texas Committee on the Humanities and Public Policy.

Official Observer and Evaluator for National Organization of Women (NOW) of the National Women’s Conference, Houston, TX., 1977.

Board of Trustees and Editorial Board of Mission Journal, Independent Journal of Religious Thought, Austin, Texas and Chapel Hill, N.C. 1977 – Rockwell Visiting Theologian, University of Houston, 1981- 82.

Chairman, Executive Committee, Church of Christ Chaplaincy Program, Texas Medical Center, Houston, TX., 1982-84.

Educational and Theological Consultant, Bering Drive Church of Christ, Houston, TX., 1975-2004.

Consultant to Attorney General of Texas on Case of Vanderbilt v. Estelle, et. al. nature and status of religious practices of inmates within the Texas Department of Corrections, Summer 1982.

Consultant and witness in case of A.C.L.U. et al v. Bob Eckels et al., Federal court case on church-state issues, 1983.

Continuing resources person for the local and national media (Houston Chronicle, Houston Post, Channel 2, 11, 23, 26, KPRC, KPFT, Channel 8, KUHF, KNUZ, CBS, Roeters, Texas Monthly, etc.) on various religious, social and political issues.

7. Professional Honors

Member, Board of Trustees of Mission Journal.

Member, Editorial Committee, Mission Journal.

Contributing Editor and theological columnist for Mission Journal.

Rockwell Foundation Grant as Rockwell Visiting Theologian at University of Houston, 1981-82. Nominated for grant by Dr. N.C. Nielson (Chairman,

Department of Religious Studies, Rice University), Dr. Hugh Sandborn (Director of Campus Ministers Association, University of Houston), and Dr. Ted Estess (Director of the Honors Program, University of Houston).

Faith and Order Commission, National Council of Churches. (1987-1990).

Founder and Editorial Board Member, Leaven, An Independent Theological Journal, Pepperdine University, Malibu California (1989-present).

Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Religion, Graduate School. Religion Division, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California, June 1993.

Distinguished Service Award, (awarded for more than 40 years of teaching among Texas churches and mentoring young scholars), Pepperdine University, May 2004.

First Interfaith Dialog Gulen Award, (awarded for over 20 years of tri-faith dialogue in the southwestern united states) Institute for Interfaith Dialogue,

8. Academic Society Memberships:

American Academy of Religion

Society of Biblical Literature

American Society of Christian Ethics

Restoration Theological Research Fellowship

ADDENDUM

Courses Taught at Rice University (1972-1973)

Protestant Christian Ethics

Courses Taught at University of St. Thomas (1974-1985)

Introduction to Christian Faith (Protestant Perspective)

The Protestant Tradition

Studies in Christian Doctrine (Protestant Perspective)

Religion in America

Modern Challenges to Christianity

Contemporary Protestant Thought

Introduction to Protestant Christian Ethics

Natural Knowledge of God and Revelation

Courses Taught at the University of Houston (1981-82, 1985-present)

The Bible: Primary Document of Western Culture

The Bible and Western Culture I (The Hebrew Bible) Cultural Heritage

The Bible and Western Culture II (The New Testament) Cultural Heritage

Modern Religious Thought

Critical Issues in Modern Religion

Fundamentalism in America

Introduction to Religious Studies

Clash of Civilizations (

Christianity and Ethics

Bible and Modern Science

Courses Taught at Pepperdine University, Graduate School of Religion (1993)

Christian Faith and Public Policy: Religion in Public Schools

ADDENDUM TO VITA (2)

Panels, Lectures, Seminars (recent, representative)

“New Age Religion: Ancient Beliefs, Modern Philosophies”

The Forum for Inter-religious Understanding

Autry House

6265 Main Street

Houston, TX, May 8, 1996

“Celebrating New Life: Down by the Riverside”

32nd Annual Texas Conference of Churches

Faith and Order Conference

Mo-Ranch

Hunt, TX, November 6-8, 1996

“The Church, Synagogue and Mosque: A Trialogue”

University of Houston Hilton Hotel and Conference Center

UH College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Houston, TX, February 16, 1998

“Monkey Business: Creationism for Non-Creationists”

American Jewish Committee and Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Houston, TX, March 2, 2000

“Christian Origins of Modern Science.”

Christian Scholars Conference

Abilene Christian University, Pepperdine University, Harding Graduate School of Theology, Austin Graduate School of Theology

Dallas, TX

Celebration 2001, July 20, 2001

“Desperately Pursuing the Hound of God:

Spiritual Misdirection in America” (3 lectures)

Bishop Bailey Lecture Series

All Saints Episcopal Church

Austin, TX, November 9, 2001

“One Christian Faith: Many Traditions”

Holy Ghost Catholic Church

Houston, TX, February 10th & 17th, 2002

“The Abrahamic Faith: Commonalities and Differentia” (Panelist)

Annual Leadership Workshop of the Presbyter of the New Covenant

Houston, TX, October 5, 2002

Theology and Culture Seminar (Participant)

1st Annual Ministry Summit

Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX, April 10-11, 2003

“The Abrahamic Faiths.”

Seminar for Executives and Staff

J.P. Morgan-Chase Houston September 24, 2003

Second Meeting Baptist / Churches of Christ Dialogue in Texas (Participant Representative)

Hardin Simmons University

Abilene, TX, January 30-31, 2004

“Desperately Seeking Renewal: How ‘Seeking Renewal’ Can Become a Problem” (3 lectures)

86th Annual Bible Lectureship

Abilene Christian University

Abilene, TX, February 23-25, 2004

Recent Publications

“Eschatology: Essential, Yet Essentially Ignored”

Leaven, Malibu, California

Pepperdine University, Fall 2000

“By the Waters of Babylon: How Biblical Perspectives in Suffering Become Personal”

Leaven, Malibu, California

Pepperdine University, 3rd Quarter, 2003

Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Haley, Albert. “The day we dreamed Alaska: the stories of the last frontier.”

MA Thesis, Dept. of English

University of Houston, 1993.

Goodwin, James Gregory. “Evidence of bias and censorship in college history survey textbooks.”

Ed D Thesis, College of Education

University of Houston, 1999.

Green, Patricia W. “William Blake addresses England as ‘the Other’ in plate 27, ‘To the Jews’ of Jerusalem.”

MA Thesis, Dept. of English

University of Houston, 2002

Recent Community Activities

Member, Board of Directors
Pebblebrook Community: A Prospective Long-term Treatment Community for
Young People with Brain Diseases.

Academic Committee
Houston Holocaust Museum

Member, Advisory Board
Harris County Council on Domestic Violence
Houston, Harris County, Texas

Some Recent Media Interviews

Channel 13, 6:00 Evening News
“Palestinians and Jews”
Summer 2003

Houston Chronicle
“New President of Houston Graduate School of Theology Seeks to Attract More
Students”
May 5, 2003

Houston Chronicle
“Dividing the Faithful”
August 9, 2003

Channel 13, 6:00 Evening News
“Community Church Movement”
October 8, 2003

Channel 13, 6:00 Evening News
“The Passion of Christ”
November 11, 2003

Houston Chronicle
“Nourishing the Spirit”
November 22, 2003

Tele Mundo Television
“Process for Elected the New Pope”
Nationally Broadcast
December 2003

Eyewitness News KTRK-TV
“Lakewood Church”
December 13, 2003

Channel 13, 6:00 Evening News
“Contemporary Worship Movement”
January 19, 2004

Eyewitness News KTRK-TV ABC
“Different Approach”
February 9, 2004

Eyewitness News Sunday KTRK-TV ABC
“Faith”
February 15, 2004

Eyewitness News Sunday
“New Church Methods”
February 15, 2004

Eyewitness News Tonight KTRK-TV ABC
Mel Gibson Movie
February 16, 2004

Baytown Sun
“Locals React to Gibson’s ‘Passion’”
February 22, 2004

Fox 26 News KRIV-TV FOX Houston
“Pope to Present Blessing on Good Friday”
April 9, 2004

Swiss National Television
“Religion in the American Political Elections”
April 24, 2004

Financial Times
“All the Rage in America”
August 14, 2004
Houston Chronicle
On Two: Collection Plate
August 21, 2004

Voice of America Radio and Television
“Moral Issues in the Recent Presidential Election”
November 10, 2004

San Antonio Express-News
Best seller to appear at Borders
December 4, 2004

Washington Post
“Reasons for the Recent and Spectacular Success of Joel Osteen”
January 13, 2005

Houston Chronicle
"Will a Cut Passion Still Stir Debate"
March 11, 2005

KUHF-FM 88.7
"Pope is Clinging to Life"
April 1, 2005

KUHF-FM 88.7
"Lynn Mitchell Talks about the Life of the Pope"
April 4, 2005

Houston Chronicle
"DaVinci Code Courts, Capitalizes on Controversy"
April 16, 2005

KXLN-TV CH 45
"Many People Believe the Nostradamus' Prophecies Have Foretold the Death of Presidents"
May 18, 2005

KXLN-TV CH 45
"Nostradamus and People Losing Their Faith"
May 19, 2005

Dallas Morning News
"Rocket's Old Home to House Osteen's Megachurch"
July 9, 2005

CNN
"Lakewood Church"
July 18, 2005

The New York Times
"A Church that Packs Them In, 16,000 at a Time"
July 18, 2005

BBC
Joel Osteen and the Lakewood Church
July, 2005

Texas Cable News Network
"Theatre Churches"
November 28, 2005

Channel 11
"He says he is Christ -- and he lives here"
September 29, 2006

Channel 13
Infidelity and Marriage
February 11, 2007

Channel 11, Channel 13, Houston Chronicle
Tomb of Jesus
March 2007

Ebru Television
Portraits : Lynn Mitchell
December 5, 2007

Recent Board Service

Elected to Board of Directors, Institute for Interfaith Dialogue
National and International forum for Interfaith Dialogue

Elected to Board of Cosmos Foundation

ADDENDUM TO VITA (3): MOST RECENT ADDITIONS

Four Lectures at Pepperdine University
“Left Behind” publishing phenomenon
Malibu, California
May 2004

Awarded Distinguished Service Award
Pepperdine University
“For more than forty years of teaching Texas churches and mentoring younger scholars.”
May 2004

Participant in Panel
“Passion of Christ” by Mel Gibson
Jewish-Christian Forum of the Texas Conference of Churches
Austin, Texas
June 2004

Inducted as member of The Forum on Jewish-Christian Relations
Texas Conference of Churches
June 2004

Inducted as member of the Board of Visitors for the Graduate School of Theology
Abilene Christian University
March 2005

Keynote Speaker for the International Conference of Islam in the Modern World
SMU Perkins School of Theology
2005

Teacher at the International Conference of Islam in the Modern World
University of Oklahoma
2006

Leader of annual seminar for the Department of Homeland Security concerning the nature of Islam and the differences among Muslims

Inaugural Speaker for Shell Oil Diversity Council.

May 3rd-4th 2006
63rd Annual Pepperdine Bible Lectures
Featured Speaker for the Religion Major Alumni Meeting

Recipient of First Annual Fetulah Gulen Award for Peace and Interfaith Dialogue
Institute of Interfaith Dialogue

Recipient of The Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace and the Tavis Smiley School of Communication Award for Promoting Religious Tolerance and Peace.
April 2007

Board Member of Cosmos Foundation, the supervising organization for the Harmony Science Academies, a system of charter schools in Houston and Dallas that include the highest rated charter schools in Texas.

Recipient of 2008 Ross M Lence Teaching Excellence Award given by the University of Houston and The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.