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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021–present Associate Professor of Practical Theology
Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS
- 2016–2021 Assistant Professor of Practical Theology
Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS

EDUCATION

- 2010–2017 PhD, Practical Theology
University of St. Michael's College, Toronto, ON
Dissertation: *An Exploration of Children and Culture in the United Church of Canada*
Supervisor: The Rev. Dr. Pamela D. Couture
- 2008–2010 ThM, Christian Education
Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA
Thesis: *“Maîtres Chez Nous”: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Roman Catholic Emerging Adults in Québec*
Supervisor: Dr. Pamela Mitchell-Legg
- 2006–2008 MTS, Ministry Studies
McMaster Divinity College, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON
Thesis: *Including All Children: A Qualitative Exploration of Spiritual Personalities and Children's Experiences with God and Church*
Supervisor: Dr. Joyce E. Bellous
- 2002–2005 BA, Religion and Culture
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON

PUBLICATIONS

Authored Books

- A Gospel for All Ages: Teaching and Preaching with the Whole Church*. Minneapolis: Fortress (forthcoming, May 2022). Foreword by HyeRan Kim-Cragg.
- Little Theologians: Children, Culture, and the Making of Theological Meaning*. Montreal and Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2020.

Children's Ministry in the Way of Jesus. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2013. Authored with Ivy Beckwith. Foreword by John H. Westerhoff III.

Children's Ministry that Fits: Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Approaches to Nurturing Children's Spirituality. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2011. Foreword by Joyce E. Bellous. Afterword by Brian D. McLaren.

Edited Books

Faith Forward, Volume 3: Launching a Revolution through Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families. Kelowna, BC: Wood Lake, 2018.

Faith Forward, Volume 2: Re-Imagining Children's and Youth Ministry. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2015. Edited with Melvin Bray. Foreword by Jennifer Knapp.

Faith Forward: A Dialogue on Children, Youth, and a New Kind of Christianity. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2013. Edited with Melvin Bray. Foreword by Shane Claiborne.

Chapters in books

« Les lumières qui libèrent : Comment les spectacles son et lumière contribuent à la vie spirituelle et religieuse du grand public. » Société Internationale de Théologie Pratique (in press).

“Steer into the Storm: Dynamic Psychotherapy for Preaching in Anxious Times.” In *Words in a Time of Crisis*, edited by Theo Pleizier and Alexander Deeg (Münster: LIT, in process). Authored with Joseph H. Clarke.

“Falling Leaf Catcher: Experiencing Awe and Wonder with Children.” In *Re-Thinking Children's Work in Churches: A Practical Guide*, edited by Carolyn Edwards, Sian Hancock, and Sally Nash, 171–9. London: Jessica Kingsley, 2019.

“A Faith Worth Making: Understanding the Cultural Nature of Children's Theology—and Why It Matters.” In *Story, Formation, and Culture: From Theory to Practice in Ministry with Children*, edited by Benjamin D. Espinoza, James Riley Estep, Jr., and Shirley Morgenthaler, 195–207. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2018.

“Between Yes and No: The Inner Journey of Qualitative Research.” In *Qualitative Research in Theological Education: Pedagogy in Practice*, edited by Mary Clark Moschella and Susan Willhauck, 60-75. London: SCM, 2018.

“A Matter of Life and Death.” In *Faith Forward, Volume 3: Launching a Revolution through Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families*, edited by David M. Csinos, 7-12. Kelowna, BC: Wood Lake, 2018.

“Food, Fire, and Folk Songs.” In *Faith Forward, Volume 2: Re-Imagining Children's and Youth Ministry*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray, 17-20. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2015. Authored with Melvin Bray.

“Megachurches, Dark Nights, and Wonder Bread Communion.” In *Faith Forward, Volume 2: Re-Imagining Children's and Youth Ministry*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray, 21-30. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2015. Authored with Ivy Beckwith.

“Jesus Loves Which Little Children? A (Canadian) Proposal for Nurturing Children's Spirituality in Intercultural Contexts.” In *Exploring and Engaging Spirituality for Today's Children: A Holistic Approach*, edited by La Verne Tolbert, 307-19. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2014.

- “Many Paths, One Journey.” In *Faith Forward: A Dialogue on Children, Youth, and a New Kind of Christianity*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray, 15-19. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2013. Authored with Melvin Bray.
- “Yours, Mine, and Ours.” In *Faith Forward: A Dialogue on Children, Youth, and a New Kind of Christianity*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray, 229-40. Kelowna, BC: CopperHouse, 2013.
- “What’s in a Name? Forming the Identity of Children through Christian Naming Ceremonies.” In *Understanding Children’s Spirituality: Theology, Research, and Practice*, edited by Kevin E. Lawson, 264-82. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2012.
- “Questioning the ‘Right’ Answers: Faith Formation in the Postmodern Matrix.” In *Shaped by God: Twelve Essentials for Nurturing Faith in Children, Youth, and Adults*, edited by Robert J. Keeley, 153-64. Grand Rapids: Faith Alive, 2010.

Refereed articles

- “Steer into the Storm: Dynamic Psychotherapy for Preaching in Anxious Times.” *International Journal of Homiletics* (supplementum 2021): 23–32. Authored with Joseph H. Clarke.
- “The Silent Adjective and the Silenced Generation: Toward a Childist Homiletic.” *Practical Matters* 13 (2020): 1–16.
- “Speaking Back: Reading a Christian Denomination’s Vision for Diversity through the Eyes of its Children and Congregations.” *Ecclesial Practices* 7, no. 2 (2020): 187–202.
- “Light Art, Street Art, and the Art of Preaching: Sound-and-Light Shows as Public Proclamation.” *International Journal of Homiletics* 5 (2020): 74–87.
- “From Pioneer to Partner: Dismantling White Normativity in Ethnographic Theology.” *Religious Education* 115, no. 4 (2020): 400-12.
- “From the Ground Up: Cultural Considerations in Research into Children’s Spirituality and Theology.” *International Journal of Children’s Spirituality* 23, no. 1 (2018): 53-66.
- “Better Together: The Formative Power of Intergenerational Community.” *Journal of Family and Community Ministries* 28 (2015): 32-47. Authored with Ivy Beckwith.
- “Raising Thomas: Questions and Doubts as Catalysts for Faith Formation in Children and Youth.” *Journal of Family and Community Ministries* 27 (2014): 87-101. Authored with Ivy Beckwith.
- “Doing Children’s Ministry Differently.” *Lifelong Faith* 7, no. 4 (2013): 42-6. Authored with Ivy Beckwith.
- “What Can I Say to Them?’ Messages about War and Peace in a Mennonite Children’s Periodical during World War II.” *Journal of Mennonite Studies* 31 (2013): 11-30.
- “Four Ways of Knowing God: Exploring Children’s Spiritual Styles.” *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 1, no. 8 (2010): 1-32.
- “Saturated Spirituality: Creating Environments that Nurture All Children.” *Lifelong Faith* 4, no. 3 (2010): 3-15.
- “Where are the Children? Keeping Sight of Young Disciples in the Emerging Church Movement.” *Family and Community Ministries* 23, no. 4 (2010): 10-21. Authored with Daniel L. Jennings, Brian D. McLaren, and Karen Marie Yust.

“Will Boys be Boys and Girls be Girls? Correcting Gender Stereotypes through Ministry with Children.” *Priscilla Papers* 24, no. 2 (2010): 23-8.

“Come, Follow Me’: Apprenticeship in Jesus’ Approach to Education.” *Religious Education* 105, no. 1 (2010): 45-62.

“Spiritual Styles: Creating an Environment to Nurture Spiritual Wholeness.” *International Journal of Children’s Spirituality* 14, no. 3 (2009): 213-24. Authored with Joyce E. Bellous.

“The Biblical Theme of Welcoming Children.” *McMaster Journal of Theology and Ministry* 8 (2007): 97-117.

Book reviews

Conundrums in Practical Theology, edited by Joyce Ann Mercer and Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore. Leiden: Brill, 2016. *Religious Education* 115, no. 5 (2020): 549–50.

Baptist Identity and the Ecumenical Future: Story, Tradition, and Recovery of Community, by Steven R. Harmon. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2016. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 33, no. 2 (2017): 311-2.

The Power of Children: The Construction of Christian Families in the Greco-Roman World, by Margaret Y. MacDonald. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2014. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 33, no. 1 (2017): 139-40.

The Encounters: Retelling the Bible from Migration and Intercultural Perspectives, by HyeRan Kim-Cragg and EunYoung Choi. Daejeon, South Korea: Daejangan, 2013. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 30, no. 2 (2014): 329-30.

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, edited by Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore. London: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012. *Religious Education* 109, no. 1 (2014): 100-102.

Ethics in Light of Childhood, by John Wall. Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2010. *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 4, no. 1 (2013): 1-8.

Children’s Voices: Children’s Perspectives in Ethics, Theology, and Religious Education, edited by Annemie Dillen and Dieder Pollefeyt. Leuven: Peeters, 2010. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 28, no. 2 (2012): 343-5.

Drinking from the Same Well: Cross-Cultural Concerns in Pastoral Care and Counseling, by Lydia F. Johnson. Eugene, OR: Pickwick, 2011. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 28, no. 1 (2012): 175-6.

God’s Big Table: Nurturing Children in a Diverse World, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. Cleveland: Pilgrim, 2011. *Religious Education* 107, no. 1 (2012): 97-100.

Teaching that Transforms: Why Anabaptist-Mennonite Education Matters, by John D. Roth. Scottdale, PA/Waterloo, ON: Herald, 2011. *Conrad Grebel Review* 29, no. 3 (2011): 105-7.

Just Hospitality: God’s Welcome in a World of Difference, by Letty M. Russell. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 2009. *Toronto Journal of Theology* 27, no. 2 (2011): 300-301.

Children and Childhood in World Religions: Primary Sources and Texts, edited by Don S. Browning and Marcia J. Bunge. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009. *Religious Education* 106, no. 4 (2011): 440-42.

Women’s Faith Development: Patterns and Processes, by Nicola Slee. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2004. *Religious Education* 106, no. 3 (2011): 350-52.

- Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood: A Cultural Approach*, fourth edition, by Jeffrey Jensen Arnett. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2010. *Religious Education* 105, no. 4 (2010): 463-5.
- Children and Childhood in American Religions*, edited by Don S. Browning and Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2009. *Religious Education* 105, no. 1 (2010): 118-20.
- Reasons for Living: Education and Young People's Search for Meaning, Identity, and Spirituality: A Handbook*, by Marisa Crawford and Graham Rossiter. Camberwell, Australia: ACER, 2006. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality* 14, no. 4 (2009): 396-8.
- Children, Youth, and Spirituality in a Troubling World*, edited by Mary Elizabeth Moore and Almeda M. Wright. St. Louis: Chalice, 2008. *Religious Education* 104, no. 4 (2009): 453-6.
- Nurturing Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives and Best Practices*, edited by Holly Catterton Allen. Eugene, OR: Cascade, 2008. *Religious Education* 104, no. 2 (2009): 217-20.
- Child Poverty: Love, Justice, and Social Responsibility*, by Pamela D. Couture. St. Louis: Chalice, 2007. *Religious Education* 103, no. 5 (2008): 587-9.

Additional articles, chapters, and resources

- "The Dangerous Truth about Leading: Reimagining God and Rethinking Leadership Amidst COVID-19." *Flourishing Congregations Institute*, 28 October 2020.
- "Ignoring Jesus for 2000 Years: Why Our Preaching Practices Need to Change." *Flourishing Congregations Institute*, 6 April 2020.
- "We All Get Wet When It Rains." In *Reflections, January–April 2019*. Macon, GA: Smyth and Helwys, 2019.
- "There's Nothing Ordinary About It." *The Bulletin* (Winter 2019): 10-11.
- "A Little Child Shall Lead Them." *Sojourners* 45, no. 5 (2016): 26-9.
- "Wired that Way." *Advocate: The Association of Presbyterian Church Educators* (29 February, 2016).
- "Small but Mighty." *Childrenswork* 1, no. 20 (2015): 18-20.
- "Faith Forward." *Childrenswork* 1, no. 19 (2015): 39.
- "Calling All the People of God: On Not Leaving Children's Ministry to Professionals." *Leader* 11, no. 4 (2014): 2-4.
- "Why Passing on the Faith Isn't Good Enough." *Patheos.com* Symposium, "Passing on the Faith: Teaching the Next Generation" (2013).
- "Formational Discipleship." *Childrenswork* 1, no. 7 (2013): 28-30. Authored with Ivy Beckwith.
- "Spiritual Styles," year-long series of six feature articles in *Roots: Adults and All Ages* and *Roots: Children and Young People*, no. 63-68 (2013).
- "Spirituality with Style." *Childrenswork* 1, no. 6 (2013): 20-23.
- "Breaking the Bubble Wrap." *Sojourners* 41, no. 7 (2012): 16-22. Authored with Brian D. McLaren.
- "Presence." In *What Matters Now in Children's Ministry—Early Childhood Edition: 21 Perspectives on Influencing Faith from Birth to Age 4*, edited by Jill Crew and Amy Dolan, 32-3. Chicago: WMNCM, 2011.

- “Children in the Church: How Do We Welcome Them?” *Faith Today* (Jan/Feb 2011): 18-22.
- “But Why? The Vital Role of Asking Questions When God Speaks to Us.” *In Part: The Magazine for the Brethren in Christ Community in North America* 123, no. 4 (2010): 6-9.
- “What to do with Postmodernism?” *Canadian Mennonite* 14, no. 9 (2010): 14.
- Spiritual Styles: Assessing What Really Matters*. Edmonton: Tall Pine, 2009. Authored with Joyce E. Bellous and Denise A. Peltomaki.
- Spiritual Styles—Children’s Version: Assessing What Really Matters*. Edmonton: Tall Pine, 2009. Authored with Joyce E. Bellous, Denise A. Peltomaki, and Karen Bellous.
- “Building a Strong Foundation: Biblical Equality and Ministry with Children.” *Mutuality* 15, no. 3 (2008): 7-9.

PUBLISHED REVIEWS OF MY WORK

- Bruner, Ron. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Journal of Spiritual Formation and Soul Care* 5, no. 1 (2012): 160-62.
- Dawson, Kathy. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 2 (2011): 1-5.
- Dennis, Chrissy M. Review of *Little Theologians*, by David M. Csinos. *Faith Today* 39, no. 4 (2021): 42.
- Derr, Colleen. Review of *Faith Forward, Volume 2*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray. *Christian Education Journal* 13, no. 2 (2016): 426-9.
- Eustace, Tanya Marie. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Religious Education* 106, no. 5 (2011): 568-9.
- Greiner, Katherine. Review of *Faith Forward*, edited by David M. Csinos and Melvin Bray. *Religious Education* 110, no. 1 (2015): 120-22.
- Hall, Anna Mitchell. Review of *Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus*, by David M. Csinos and Ivy Beckwith. *Religious Education* 112, no. 3 (2017): 303-4.
- Maple, Grant. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Journal of Christian Education* 53, no. 1 (2010): 74-5.
- Penn, David. Review of *Faith Forward, Volume 3*, edited by David M. Csinos. *Religious Education* 114, no. 9 (2019): 654-5.
- Rempel, Elsie. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Canadian Mennonite* 15, no. 4 (2011): 17.
- Sanders, Thomas L. Review of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *Christian Education Journal* 9, no. 2 (2012): 421-6.
- Short, Sharon Warkentin. Review of *Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus*, by David M. Csinos and Ivy Beckwith. *Christian Education Journal* 12, no. 1 (2015): 184-9.
- Wall, John. “Response to Csinos, ‘Review of John Wall, *Ethics in Light of Childhood*.’” *Journal of Childhood and Religion* 4, no. 2 (2013): 1-3.

Wills, Ruth. Review of *Children's Ministry that Fits*, by David M. Csinos. *International Journal of Children's Spirituality* 16, no. 4 (2011): 372-4.

SELECTED INTERVIEWS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Published interview in *Youth and Children's Work* 6 (June 2017): 16-17.

"Dave Csinos Tour." *Crosslight*, May 24, 2015, <http://crosslight.org.au/2015/05/24/dave-csinos-tour/>.

Allen, Bob. "Conference to Nurture 'New Kind of Christianity.'" *Associated Baptist Press*, September 1, 2011, <https://baptistnews.com/archives/item/6697-conference-to-nurture-new-kind-of-christianity>.

Epp, Aaron. "Seeing Children as Part of the Church." *Canadian Mennonite* 16, no. 14 (2012): 36-7.

Halgren, Emma. "Children Must be Encouraged to Explore, Question Faith: Author." *Anglican Diocese of Melbourne*, June 16, 2015, <http://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/NewsAndViews/Pages/Children-must-be-encouraged-to-explore-question-faith-author-000679.aspx>.

McGonegal, Julie. "Children's Time: A Theologian Talks to Kids about Faith." *Broadview* 3 (2021): 54-7.

LANGUAGES

French (Diplôme d'études en langue française, level B1)

Spanish

Biblical Hebrew

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONOURS

2020	Publication Grant (Awards to Scholarly Publications Program, Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences) for <i>Little Theologians</i> , \$8,000
2019	Leni Groeneveld Grant for Research Assistance, \$1,000
2018	Janet Christie Fund Research Grant, \$2,000
2017	Leni Groeneveld Grant for Research Assistance, \$1,000
2016	Leni Groeneveld Grant for Research Assistance, \$1,000
2015	<i>Faith Forward</i> and <i>Faith Forward, Volume 2</i> nominated for the Grawemeyer Award in Religion
2013-2014	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, \$15,000
2013-2014	Order of St. Lazarus Bursary in Ecumenism, Toronto School of Theology, \$1,500
2013	Blanche Hume Advanced Degree Bursary, Emmanuel College, \$1,500
2012-2014	Teaching for Ministry Fellowship, Emmanuel College, \$11,500
2012-2013	Ontario Graduate Scholarship, \$15,000
2011-2013	Billes Advanced Degree Bursary, Emmanuel College, \$7,500
2011-2012	Ontario Graduate Scholarship \$15,000
2011	A. James Reimer Award, Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, \$9,000

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- 2011 Higher Goals in Christian Journalism, Student Writer of the Year (second place) for “Will Boys be Boys and Girls be Girls?” published in *Priscilla Papers*
- 2008–2010 Graduate Fellowship, Union Presbyterian Seminary, \$29,250
- 2007 Muriel Israel Prize, McMaster Divinity College, \$600

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013–present Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS
- The Intergenerating Church, 2022
 - Preaching Foundations, 2020, 2021, 2022
 - Re-Imagining Ministry with Children and Youth, 2018, 2020, 2021
 - Worship Foundations, 2019
 - Homiletical Theology for Vibrant Faith, 2019, 2020, 2021
 - Pastoral Foundations, 2017, 2018
 - Graduate Project and Seminar, 2017/18, 2020
 - Preaching in a Changing World, 2017
 - Leadership and Change Theory, 2016, 2021
 - Faith Formation in a Postmodern World (as sessional instructor), 2013
- 2015–2021 Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL
- Dynamics of Children’s Ministry, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021
- 2021 Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, ON
- Nurturing the Spiritual Lives of Children
- 2018 Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, BC
- Re-Imagining Ministry with Children and Youth
- 2016 Carey Baptist College, Auckland, New Zealand
- Children’s Ministry
- 2013–2014 University of Toronto (Emmanuel College of Victoria University), Toronto, ON
- Contextual Education (as teaching fellow), 2013/14
 - Ministry Integration Seminar (as teaching fellow), 2013
- 2012 University of Saskatchewan (St. Andrew’s College), Saskatoon, SK
- Introduction to Christian Education (online course)
- 2009 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- World Religions and Childhood (as teaching assistant)

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2012–2014 Emmanuel College of Victoria University, Toronto, ON
- Teaching for Ministry Fellow
- 2005–2007 Westheights Community Church, Kitchener, ON
- Director of Children’s Outreach

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- Oct 2021 Symposium on the Spirituality of Children, Virginia Theological Seminary (online)
- “All, Some, None: A Multilayered Interpretation of Children’s Theological Meaning-Making” (invited presentation)

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- Jul 2021 Religious Education Association (online)
- “The Future of Research in Religious Education” (plenary presentation), with Hosffman Ospino, Joyce Ann Mercer, Jack Seymour, and Aaron Ghiloni
- Jul 2021 International Academy of Practical Theology (online)
- ““There’s a Great Human Warmth About It’: Sound-and-Light Shows Engendering Spiritual Connections in the Public Square”
- May 2021 InterGenerate Conference and Children’s Spiritually Summit (online)
- “The Final Frontier? Toward a Theology of Preaching Among Intergenerational Faith Communities”
- Jan 2021 Société Internationale de Théologie Pratique (online)
- « Les lumières qui libèrent : Comment les spectacles son et lumière contribuent à la vie spirituelle et religieuse du grand public » (chosen as plenary presentation)
- Oct 2020 Association of Theological Schools Roundtable for New Faculty Members (online)
- “Forging the Sweet Spot: Living at the Crossroads of Vocation” (invited plenary presentation)
- Aug 2020 Societas Homiletica (online)
- “Steer into the Storm: Dynamic Psychotherapy for Preaching in Anxious Times,” with Jody Clarke
- Apr 2019 International Academy of Practical Theology, São Leopoldo, Brazil
- “Creativity Unleashed: Toward a Practical Theology for Christian Leadership in a World in Flux”
- Nov 2018 Religious Education Association, Washington, DC
- “From Pioneer to Partner: Dismantling White Normativity through Ethnographic Theology”
- May 2017 Canadian Theological Society, Toronto, ON
- “Transforming a Vision: Theologies of Children and the United Church’s Quest to Become Intercultural”
- Jun 2016 Society for Children’s Spirituality, Nashville, TN
- Plenary presentation, “A Faith Worth Making: Understanding the Cultural Nature of Children’s Theology—and Why It Matters” (invited plenary presentation)
- Mar 2014 Toronto School of Theology Advanced Degree Student Conference, Toronto, ON
- “Successes and Slip-Ups: Teaching in the Current Theological Education Landscape,” with Erin Green and Moses Kang
- Nov 2013 Religious Education Association, Boston, MA
- “Power Struggle: The Challenge of Mutual Learning in a Seminary Classroom”
- Mar 2013 Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Toronto, ON
- “Re-Imagining the Spiritual Formation of Children in Intercultural Contexts”
- Jun 2012 Children’s Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives, Chicago, IL
- “Jesus Loves Which Little Children? A (Canadian) Proposal for Nurturing a Spirit of Interculturalism in Children”
- Nov 2011 Religious Education Association, Toronto, ON
- “Northern Reflections: Religious Education in Canada’s Multicultural Matrix”
- Oct 2011 Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre, Toronto, ON
- ““What Shall I Say to Them?’ Messages about War and Peace in a Mennonite Children’s Periodical During World War II”
- Nov 2010 Religious Education Association, Denver, CO

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- “‘Maîtres Chez Nous’: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Roman Catholic Emerging Adults in Québec”
- Jul 2009 Christians for Biblical Equality, St. Louis, MO
- “Will Boys be Boys and Girls be Girls? Subverting Gender Stereotypes through Ministry with Children”
- Jun 2009 Children’s Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives, Chicago, IL
- “What’s in a Name? Forming the Identity of Children through Christian Naming Ceremonies”
- Nov 2008 Religious Education Association, Chicago, IL
- “A Slice of Life: Responsibly Using Fictive Accounts of the Biblical Meta-Narrative”

WORKSHOPS, LECTURES, AND ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Nov 2021 Toronto Children’s Ministry Conference (online)
- Keynote presentation, “Little Theologians, Big Theologies”
- Oct 2021 CONNECT Children’s Ministry Network, Pennsylvania (online)
- Presentation, “Children Engaging with God”
- Sep 2021 Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut (online)
- Guest lecture in “Qualitative Research Methods” course
- Sep 2021 St. Padarn’s Institute, Cardiff, Wales (online)
- Guest lecture in “Research Methods” course
 - Public lecture, “An Evening with Dave Csinos”
- Sep 2021 Children’s Leaders’ Network, Salvation Army UK (online)
- Webinar, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- Jul 2021 Intergenerate Australia Conference (online)
- Keynote presentation, “Hallmarks of Intergenerational Preaching”
 - Keynote presentation, “Intergenerational Preaching: Give It a Go!”
- Jun 2021 Maritime United Church of Canada Camp Training (online)
- Workshop, “Spiritual Styles: Creating Environments that Nurture All Children”
- May 2021 Atlantic School of Theology (online)
- Workshop respondent, “Preaching for the Future Church: Homiletics Festival Daily Conversations”
- Mar 2021 Atlantic School of Theology (online)
- Webinar moderator, “Leaving No One Behind: Pandemic-Era Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families”
- Feb 2021 Dioceses of Southwark and London (online)
- Interview about *Little Theologians*
- Feb 2021 Hand-in-Hand Conference (online)
- Keynote presentation, “Your Kingdom Come: Children’s and Family ministry in a Post-Pandemic World”
- Jan 2021 Unfundamentalist/Progressive Children’s Ministry Network (online)
- Interview about *Little Theologians*
- Oct 2020 What’s the View Ahead?, St. Giles Kingsway Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON
- Plenary presentation, “Intergenerational Preaching”
- Oct 2020 MennoMedia (online)
- Webinar moderator, “Children, Faith, and the Church”
- Sep 2020 International Intergenerational Roundtable (online)

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- Sep 2020 • Plenary presentation, “Preaching a Gospel for All Ages”
Kootenay Faith Fest, United Church of Canada (online)
- Sep 2020 • Plenary Series, “Small and Mighty”
Parenting Forward Podcast
- Aug 2020 • Webinar, “Children, Culture, and Theological Meaning-Making”
Intergenerate Australia
- Aug 2020 • Webinar, “Intergenerational Preaching”
Work Experience Podcast, Uniting Church of Australia
- Jun 2020 • Podcast interview, “Intergenerational Preaching”
Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Parish, Dartmouth, NS
- Mar 2020 • Webinar, “Spiritual Styles: Knowing God, Knowing Ourselves”
Université Laval, Québec, QC
- Feb 2020 • Guest lecture, “Les styles de spiritualité: Comment les enfants expriment leurs préoccupations plus profond”
Atlantic School of Theology Podcast Series, Halifax, NS
- Nov 2019 • Podcast interview, with Tom Beaudoin
New Wine Kids’ Leaders’ Conference, Leicestershire, UK
- Nov 2019 • Plenary presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
• Plenary presentation, “Nurturing Children through Spiritual Styles”
• Plenary presentation, “Will Our Faith Have Children?”
St. Mellitus College, London, UK
- Nov 2019 • Guest lecture, “Story, Formation and Culture in Faith Formation with Children and Youth”
Diocese of Durham, Durham, UK
- Nov 2019 • Workshop, “Intergenerational Ministry: Building Community with All Ages and Stages”
Diocese of Southwark, London, UK
- Nov 2019 • Lecture, “How Children and Young People Create Theological Meaning”
Scripture Union, Milton Keynes, UK
- Jul 2019 • Workshop, “Mission and Ministry with Children and Adolescents Beyond the Walls of the Church”
St. John’s and Christ Church, Radlett, UK
- May 2019 • Presentation, “A Conversation about Intergenerational Church”
Presbyterian Atlantic Youth Synod, Merigomesh, NS
- Jan 2019 • Presentation, “Four Ways of Knowing God: Nurturing Faith Through Spiritual Styles”
• Workshop, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
Saint Peter Roman Catholic Parish, Dartmouth, NS
- Dec 2018 • Workshop, “Will Our Faith Have Children?”
Atlantic School of Theology Podcast Series, Halifax, NS
- Oct 2018 • Podcast interview
Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ, Framingham, MA
- May 2018 • Keynote presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
• Workshop, “More Radical than We Realize: Intergenerational Faith Formation”
• Workshop, “Small but Mighty: The (Untapped) Formational Power of Small Churches”
Global Children’s Forum, Budapest, Hungary
- May 2018 • Keynote presentation, “With: The Importance of Relationship in Faith Development”

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- Apr 2018 Every Nation Kids, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Webinar, “Nurturing Children’s Spiritual Lives: Diverse Perspectives”
- Mar 2018 Ignite Children’s Ministry Conference and Expo, Brisbane, Australia
- Workshop, “More Radical than We Realize: Intergenerational Faith Formation”
- Jan 2018 Ames United Church of Christ, Ames, IA
- Theologian-In-Residence Lecture Series
- Nov 2017 South Shore Presbytery, United Church of Canada, Liverpool, NS
- Workshop, “Children’s and Youth Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- Sep 2017 École théologique de Montréal/Montreal School of Theology, Montreal, QC
- Workshop, “Children’s and Youth Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- Jun 2017 Church of the Nazarene General Assembly, Indianapolis, IN
- Workshop, “Children’s and Youth Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
 - Workshop, “More Radical than We Realize: The Formative Power of Intergenerational Relationships”
- Jun 2017 Brazilian Children’s Ministry Leadership Network, São Paulo, Brazil
- Webinar, “A Faith Worth Making: Understanding the Cultural Nature of Children’s Theology—and Why It Matters”
- May 2017 Faith Forward 2017, Chicago, IL
- Keynote presentation, “Kicking at the Darkness: Children’s and Youth Ministry as a Matter of Life and Death”
- Apr 2017 Inspire Conference, Vancouver, BC
- Workshop, “Small but Mighty: The (Untapped) Formational Potential of Small Churches”
 - Workshop, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- Apr 2017 OPEN Network
- Video podcast interview
- Feb 2017 The Conversation, Canterbury, UK
- Plenary presentation, “Young People and Encounters with God”
 - Plenary presentation, “Kicking at the Darkness: Children’s and Youth Ministry as a Matter of Life and Death”
- Feb 2017 Scripture Union, Milton Keynes, UK
- Presentation, “Current Trends and Research in Children’s Ministry”
- Feb 2017 Diocese of London (Church of England), London, UK
- Presentation, “Current Trends and Research in Children’s Ministry”
- Sep 2016 Connecting to Children and Families, Auckland, New Zealand
- Plenary presentation, “A Faith Worth Making: Understanding the Cultural Nature of Children’s Theology—and Why It Matters”
- Jul 2016 Baptist World Alliance Annual Gathering, Vancouver, BC
- Presentation, “Revitalizing Christian Formation: Global Perspectives and Local Contexts”
- Apr 2016 Coffeepot Fellowship Daily Podcast, Clergy for Hire
- Interview for podcast series
- Apr 2016 Faith Forward 2016, Chicago, IL
- Keynote presentation, “Launching a Revolution in Ministry with Children and Youth”
- Feb 2016 Halton Presbytery Network Day, United Church of Canada, Mississauga, ON
- Keynote presentation, “Preaching and Living the Mission of the Church”
- Nov 2015 Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, NS
- Guest lecture, “Intergenerational Ministry”

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- Nov 2015 EDGE Ministries, United Church of Canada
- Webinar, “Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry”
- Oct 2015 ConNEXT Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- Keynote presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation: (Un)Learning What Really Matters”
 - Keynote presentation, “Faith Formation in the Postmodern Matrix”
 - Keynote presentation, “Spiritual Styles: Faith Formation that Nurtures Everyone”
 - Workshop, “Small but Mighty: The (Untapped) Formational Potential of Small Churches”
 - Panel discussion, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus,” with Ivy Beckwith
 - Keynote presentation, “Empowering Family Faith”
- Oct 2015 Ignite Conference, Nazarene Children’s Leadership Network, Kansas City, KS
- Plenary presentation, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
 - Plenary presentation, “Yours, Mine, and Ours: Nurturing a Spirit of Interculturalism in Ministry with Children”
- Oct 2015 Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms Annual General Meeting, Falmouth, NS
- Plenary presentation, “Faith Formation: All Ages, All the Time”
 - Plenary presentation, “Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry”
- Aug 2015 Mennonite Church USA
- Webinar, “Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry”
- Aug 2015 Skylight Festival, Paris, ON
- Presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
 - Workshop, “Empowering Family Faith”
- Jul 2015 Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
- Guest lecture, “More Radical than We Realize: The Formative Power of Intergenerational Relationships”
- Jun 2015 Spirited Conversations Radio Program, Sackville, NS
- Interview about innovative faith formation with children and youth
- May 2015 Merge Family Ministry Conference, United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, IN
- Plenary presentation, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- May 2015 Anglican Diocese of Melbourne, Melbourne, VIC, Australia
- Workshop, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
- May 2015 Stirling Theological Centre, Mulgrave, VIC, Australia
- Workshop, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
- May 2015 Centre for Theology and Ministry, Melbourne, VIC, Australia
- Workshop series, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
- Apr 2015 Leaders to Go, Sydney, NSW, Australia
- Plenary presentation, “Empowering Household Faith”
 - Plenary presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation: How Practical Theology Changes Everything”
 - Workshop, “Yours, Mine, and Ours: Nurturing a Spirit of Interculturalism with Children and Youth”
 - Plenary presentation: “Solidarity Down Under: Reflections on Leaders to Go”
- Apr 2015 Faith Forward 2015, Chicago, IL
- Plenary presentation, “Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry through Theology, Relationship, and Practice”
- Oct 2014 Synod of Southwestern Ontario, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Goderich, ON

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- Keynote presentation, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation: (Un)Learning What Really Matters”
- Keynote presentation, “Small but Mighty: The (Untapped) Formational Potential of Small Churches”
- Oct 2014 First Baptist Church Halifax with Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS
 - Workshop, “Faith Forward: A Conversation on Children, Youth, and the Future of Faith Formation,” with Melvin Bray
- Oct 2014 Newfoundland and Labrador Conference, United Church of Canada, St. John’s, NL
 - Keynote presentation series, “Ambassadors of Faith”
- Oct 2014 Episcopal Diocese of Washington, Washington, DC
 - Keynote presentation serie, “Re-Imagining Faith Formation”
- Jun 2014 Wild Goose Festival, Hot Springs, NC
 - Presentation, “Small but Mighty: The (Untapped) Formational Potential of Small Churches”
- May 2014 Faith Forward 2014, Nashville, TN
 - Plenary presentation, “Megachurches, Dark Nights, and Wonder Bread Communion: Our Stories of Doubt, Disillusionment, and Hope on the Journey of Re-Imagination,” with Ivy Beckwith
- Nov 2013 Knox College, Toronto, ON
 - Ada Adams Lecture, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus: Nurturing Young Disciples in a Changing Church”
- Oct 2013 Tatamagouche Centre, Tatamagouche, NS
 - Workshop, “Children’s Ministry in the Way of Jesus”
- Oct 2013 Behold! An Intercultural Conference, United Church of Canada, Halifax, NS
 - Workshop, “Yours, Mine, and Ours: Nurturing a Spirit of Interculturalism with Children and Youth”
- May 2013 Camp Kintail Speaker Series, Goderich, ON
 - Keynote presentation, “12 Practices for Nurturing Faith in Children”
- Feb 2013 Diocese of Toronto, Anglican Church of Canada, Toronto, ON
 - Workshop, “Children’s Ministry that Fits: Nurturing Faith through Spiritual Styles”
- Jan 2013 Erb Street Mennonite Church, Waterloo, ON
 - Sunday school class, “Spiritual Styles”
- Jan 2013 Teaching for Ministry Symposia Series, Emmanuel College, Toronto, ON
 - Panel moderator, “Self-Care and Other-Care: How to Prepare for and Manage Pastoral Burnout”
- Nov 2012 The Centre for Excellence in Christian Education, Toronto, ON
 - Keynote presentation, “Children’s Ministry that Fits: Nurturing Faith through Spiritual Styles”
- Jun 2012 Silver Lake Mennonite Camp, Hepworth, ON
 - Workshop, “Talking the Walk: Cultivating an Atmosphere for Faith-Filled Conversations”
- May 2012 Children, Youth, and a New Kind of Christianity, Washington, DC
 - Plenary presentation, “Yours, Mine, and Ours: Imagining Intercultural Ministry with Children”
- Nov 2012 Elmira Mennonite Church, Elmira, ON
 - Sunday school series, “Spiritual Styles: Assessing What Matters”
- Nov 2012 Oxford School for Christian Studies, United Church of Canada, Princeton, ON

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- Workshop, “Children’s Ministry that Fits: Beyond One-Size-Fits-All Approaches to Nurturing Children’s Spirituality”
- Jul 2011 Mennonite Church Canada National Assembly, Waterloo, ON
- Workshop, “God’s Story, My Story: Grandparents and Children Learning God’s Story Together,” with Elsie Rempel
- Jun 2011 Kitchener-Waterloo Children’s and Family Ministry Network, Kitchener, ON
- Workshop, “Spiritual Styles and Ministry with Children”
- Apr 2011 Children’s Ministry Websummit
- Online presentation, “Story-Telling, Story-Hearing, Story-Living”
- Jan 2011 What Matters Now in Children’s Ministry: Video Edition
- Online presentation, “Inclusion”
- Feb 2009 Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- Lecture, “Children and Prayer”
 - Lecture, “Children’s Political, Economic, and Spiritual Identities”
- Jun 2009 Children’s Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives, Chicago, IL
- Research Methods Panelist
- Mar 2007 Emmanuel Bible College, Kitchener, ON
- Lecture, “Effective Approaches to Children’s Ministry” with Matthew Di Marco

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2010–present Founder and Executive Director of Faith Forward
- Since 2010, I have been providing primary leadership to the development of an international network of progressive leaders in ministry with children and youth. Using the methods of practical theology and experiential pedagogical practices, I oversaw the planning of five (5) international and ecumenical gatherings that brought together participants from seven countries and over 30 denominations/traditions (2012–2017). Additionally, I have led Faith Forward in launching podcast series, creating book resources, developing free online courses, and collaborating with several not-for-profit partners. I currently organize and host the Faith Forward podcast series featuring guests from a broad range of fields related to innovation in ministry with children, youth, and families, including Brian McLaren, Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, and Cindy Wang Brandt.
- 2018–present Book Review Editor for *Religious Education*
- 2015–present Member of Steering Team for Family Project Work Team (Global Children’s Forum)
- 2011–present Editorial board Member and Co-Editor of “Children, Adolescents, and Families” section, *Journal of Family and Community Ministries* (Baylor University)
- 2019–2021 Appointed by Executive Committee of International Academy of Practical Theology to serve on the organizing committee for the 2021 IAPT conference in Leuven, Belgium.
- 2019 Member of Academic Advisory Group for “Effective Practices Project,” a research initiative of Vibrant Faith, 2019.

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- 2016 Participant in Wabash symposium on “Teaching Qualitative Research in Theological Education to Enhance Leadership for Change in the Church,” hosted by Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS.
- 2014 Consultant for “Echo the Story” children’s curriculum (sparkhouse)
- 2014 Principal designer and collaborator for “Re-Imagining Children’s and Youth Ministry,” an online course created by Faith Forward and ChurchNext
- 2014 Consultant for Guardians of Ancora, an online immersive game for children developed by Scripture Union to provide children with a digital space to explore spirituality, their relationship with God, and scripture.
- 2013 Contributor to *Dig In: 13 Scriptures to Help Us Know the Way*, a video-based group study tool. Harrisonburg, VA: MennoMedia,
- 2012 Executive producer of *New World Coming: A SmallTall Music Compilation*, by Bryan Moyer Suderman. SmallTall Music.
- 2011 Participant of “Narrativity, Identity, and Diversity” consultation seminars in preparation of the 2013 conference of the International Academy of Practical Theology, Toronto, ON.
- 2011 Member of steering committee for 2011 Toronto Mennonite Theological Centre Graduate Student Conference. Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, ON.
- 2011 Member of planning team for the children’s assembly at the 2011 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly, held in Waterloo, ON.
- 2009 Participant in consultation process for “Working Paper on Faith Formation in 2020,” a project of the Faith Formation 2020 National (USA) Initiative.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Academy of Homiletics
Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (Ordained Minister)
International Academy of Practical Theology
Religious Education Association (member of REA Advisory Council)
Société Internationale de Théologie Pratique