

# Curriculum Vitae

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### BIRTH DETAILS

Date of Birth: 16 October 1966

Place of Birth: Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England

### EDUCATION

Aston University, Birmingham  
BSc. (Combined Hons.) in Urban Policy and Society and  
Government *June 1989*

Birmingham Polytechnic  
PCGE in Primary Education  
*June 1990*

Wesley House, University of Cambridge  
Certificate in Theology for Ministry  
*June 2002*

Cliff College, University of Sheffield  
MA in Evangelism Studies (with Distinction)  
*June 2004*

Dissertation: *'What Reason Have we to be Glad and Rejoice...'* Identity and Church Planting in the New  
Connexion of General Baptists.

University of Chester  
Certificate in Adult Education with Theological Reflection  
*June 2006*

Cliff College, University of Manchester  
 PhD  
 July 2013

Thesis: *'A New Appearance on The Face of Things': Retelling the Primitive Methodist Creation Narrative.*

## SECULAR EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Name of employer	Position held	Period
Sandwell Borough Council, 402 High Street, Shaftesbury House, West Bromwich, West Midlands B70 9LT	School Teacher, Kent Close Primary School, Hateley Heath, West Bromwich	August 1990- July 1992
Nursery Teacher, Springdale Under 5's Centre, Islington, London	Islington Education Department, Laycock Street, Islington, London, N1 1TH	August 1992 - July 1993
School Teacher, Landsdowne County Primary School, Tilbury, Essex	Thurrock Education Department, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6GF	August 1993- July 1996
School Teacher, Langtons Infant School, Hornchurch, Essex	Havering Education Department Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BB	August 1996- July 2000

## MINISTRY

2002-2007 Minister, Guildford Methodist Circuit:  
*Pastoral charge of three churches; Circuit Local Preachers Tutor; Free Church Chaplain,  
 Milford Hospital.*

2007-2014 Northampton Methodist District Director of Mission:  
*Enabling and resourcing mission and evangelism and the development of fresh expressions of  
 church; District ecumenical representative on county church leaders' meetings and multi-faith  
 initiatives.*

2014 - 2017 Ministry Learning and Development Officer, East Central Region, Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network, The Methodist Church :  
*Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' initial and continuing learning and development; Continuing ministerial learning and development for presbyters and deacons, vocational discernment; Initial ministerial formation as a personal / academic tutor for The Queen's Foundation.*

2017- Superintendent Minister, Hinckley Methodist Circuit.  
*Pastoral charge of two churches and leadership of a circuit of 11 churches, two ordained ministers, and three lay workers; District Probationary Ministers Secretary.*

## OFFICES HELD

Methodist Church in Britain:

Member (1984- )

Local Preacher (1999- )

Minister (ordained 2004)

Member of the Methodist Conference 2005, 2007, 2009-11, 2013-14.

Member: VentureFX Pioneers Selection Panel,

Ministerial Resignations Advisory Committee.

Faith and Order Network, Methodist History Theology and Ethos group.

Methodist Heritage Committee.

Connexional Ministerial Candidates Selection Committee.

Methodist Evangelicals Together:

Media Editor (2007-11)

Vice-Chair (Advocacy) (2015- )

Leicestershire Fresh Expressions Area Strategy Team:

Chair (2010-2014)

## ACADEMIC ROLES

### Current:

Tutor in Theology (Equipped to Minister), Spurgeon's College. Email: [t.woolley@spurgeons.ac.uk](mailto:t.woolley@spurgeons.ac.uk)

Research Associate, Wesley House, University of Cambridge. Email [tw487@cam.ac.uk](mailto:tw487@cam.ac.uk)

Lecturer in Wesleyan Theology and Spirituality, Cliff College; Marker, undergraduate and MA courses.

Tutor in Ecclesiology, Methodist E-Academy, United Methodist Seminaries in Europe.

Part-time Tutor in Religion and Theology, Oxford University Department for Continuing Education.

Most Recent Course: *Here is Love, Wide as the Ocean: The English Evangelical Tradition*

<https://open.conted.ox.ac.uk/series/here-love-wide-ocean-english-evangelical-tradition>

Conveyor, the Methodist History Study Group, The Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, “‘Thy Grace Restore, Thy Work Revive’: Revival, Reform, and Revolution in Global Methodism,” Pembroke College, Oxford, August 12–19, 2018.

Member of the Editorial Board. *The Independent Scholar*:  
<http://www.ncis.org/the-independent-scholar/tis>

### **Previous:**

Associate Tutor, The Queen's Foundation, for Ecumenical Theological Education, Birmingham.

Dissertation Supervisor, MA in Emerging Church, Cliff College.

Lecturer and Course Leader, Mission Shaped Ministry course:

Northampton Methodist District/Peterborough Diocese/Leicester Diocese,  
Birmingham Methodist District/Birmingham Diocese.

Tutor, Living Faith Modular Training Course, Diocese of Peterborough.

Locally based Tutor for Anglican Ministerial Training Students, Southern Theological Education and Training Scheme.

### **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Conferences:**

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Christ Church, Oxford – August 2007. Paper: ‘From the Prairies to the Potteries: Cultural Adaptation and the English Camp Meeting.’

‘Methodist Identities’ Conference, Wesley House Cambridge – August 2007. Paper: ‘1807 and All That’

Manchester Wesley Research Centre, Postgraduate Colloquium in Wesley Studies - July 2008. Paper: ‘A Community of Memory - The Primitive Methodist Creation Narrative’

‘Conflicted Faith’ Conference, Englesea Brook Primitive Methodist Chapel and Museum, Crewe, Cheshire - October 2010. Paper: ‘Two Flames of Fire: Daniel Shubotham, Hugh Bourne and Conflict in Primitive Methodist Historiography.’

Ecclesiastical History Society Postgraduate Colloquium, University of Manchester February 2012. Paper: “The Lord deliver me from such preachers”: The Proximity of Primitive Methodism and the New Connexion in The Potteries 1796-1811.’

Asbury Theological Seminary, Wesleyan Summer Seminar, Kentucky U.S.A June 2012. Paper: "This man spoke largely of the camp meetings..." The Promise and Threat of Lorenzo Dow.'

Nazarene Theological College, Manchester November 2013. Paper: 'Have our people been sufficiently cautious': The Impact of Lorenzo Dow's Visits to England 1805-1819.'

Methodist E-Academy Seminar, Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary, Tallinn, Estonia February 2014. Paper: 'To Serve the Present Age': Fresh Expressions of British Methodism.'

Methodist E-Academy Seminar, Rome, February 2017

Paper: 'We'll praise him for all that is past...' Heritage as a Tool for Contemporary Mission.'

Antiche E Nuove Missioni, Sapienza Università di Roma, November 2017. Paper: 'Henry James Piggott nel suo tempo e le missioni metodiste in Italia' [Henry James Piggott in his time and the Methodist missions in Italy]

Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies, Pembroke College, August 2018. Paper: 'So Completely Stripped of all Power'? Ecclesial Effectiveness and Missional Vitality amongst the Wesleyan Protestant Methodists."

Methodist Research Seminar, Wesley House, Cambridge, May 2019. Paper: 'Men Devoted Solely to the Work' Itinerant Ministry Amongst the Wesleyan Protestant Methodists.

Oxford Centre for Methodism and Church History, 'An Extraordinary Call' Conference, Oxford Brookes University, 8-9 November 2019. Paper: 'Promised Ground': Phoebe Palmer's British Visit 1859-1863. (Publication forthcoming)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jz0E25WzTM>

### **Publications:**

'A Community of Selective Memory? Hugh Bourne, William Clowes and Primitive Methodist Historiography' in *Wesley and Methodist Studies* Vol. 2 (Didsbury Press 2010)

'Two Flames of Fire: Daniel Shubotham, Hugh Bourne and Conflict in Primitive Methodist Historiography' in *The Ranters' Digest* Issue 3 (Friends of Englesea Brook, 2011)

"'Have Our People Been Sufficiently Cautious...?': Wesleyan Responses to Lorenzo Dow in England and Ireland 1799-1819' in *Wesley and Methodist Studies* vol. 9:2 (Pennsylvania State University Press, June 2017)

'Henry James Piggott nel suo tempo e le missioni metodiste in Italia' [Henry James Piggott in his time and the Methodist missions in Italy] in Annese, Andrea. Ed, *Antiche E Nuove Missioni: Dalle Origini Del Metodismo Italiano Ai Nuovi Scenari Globali*. (Roma: Carroci Editore, 2018)

Co-author 'Church Planting: An Ecumenical Checklist for Pioneering Mission Projects' (Baptist Union

of Great Britain, 2012)

Co-author 'Talking of God: a Methodist Faith-Sharing Course'

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/index.cfm?fuseaction=opentoworld.content&cmid=3400>

Co-author 'Mission Shaped Intro' (2nd Ed.)

A Word in Time' online daily bible study.

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/prayer-and-worship/a-word-in-time>

15-21 January 2012

9-12 December 2013

4-10 June 2017

Co-author, *Worship: Leading and Preaching*:

<http://elearning.methodist.org.uk/>

Module 1:3 - Introduction to Reflective Practice.

Module 7:2 - Church History and the Story of Methodism.

Book Reviews:

John Lenton, 'John Wesley's Preachers: A Social and Statistical Analysis of the British and Irish Preachers Who Entered the Methodist Itinerancy before 1791': *Wesley and Methodist Studies (hereafter WMS)*: Vol. 3, 2011.

Barbara Glasson, 'The Exuberant Church: Listening to the Prophetic People of God': *WMS* Vol. 4, 2012.

Holliday Bickerstaffe Kendall, 'History of the Primitive Methodist Church';  
John Walford, 'Memoirs of the Life and Labours of the Late Venerable Hugh Bourne':  
*WMS* Vol. 5, 2013.

David J. Hart and David J. Jeremy (eds), 'Brands Plucked from the Burning: Essays on Methodist Memorialisation and Remembering': *WMS* Vol. 7, 2015.

Michel Faber, 'The Book of Strange New Things', *Holiness* Vol.1.2, 2015.  
<http://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/11-reviews.pdf>

Russell E. Richey, 'Methodism in the American Forest':  
*WMS* Vol. 8.1, 2016.

Ray Evans, 'Ready Steady Grow: Equipping Today's Gospel Churches',  
*METConnexion* Winter 2015/16.

Charles Yrigoyen Jr (ed.), 'T&T Clark Companion to Methodism'

WMS Vol. 8.2, 2016.

Kevin M Watson, 'Pursuing Social Holiness: The Band Meeting in Wesley's Thought and Popular Methodist Practice' *Wesleyan Theological Journal* Vol.51.2, Fall 2016.

Martin K. Batstone, 'The Fruitful Mother and the Forgotten Son: The Story of William Clowes and the Rise of Hull as the Centre of the Primitive Methodist Movement' *WMS* Vol. 9.1 2017.

Jennifer Farooq, 'Preaching in Eighteenth-Century London' *H-Pietism*, March, 2017.

<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=47582>

Sandy Calder, 'The Origins of Primitive Methodism' *WMS* Vol. 9.2 2017.

David M. Young, 'Change and Decay: Primitive Methodism from Late Victorian Times till World War' *WMS* Vol 10.2 2018.

Russell E. Richey, (ed.), 'Ecumenical & Interreligious Perspectives: Globalization in Theological Education' *WMS* Vol 11.2 2019.

Gary M. Best, 'In Their Words: The Story of Early Methodism' *WMS* Vol 12.1 2020.

David J Randall 'A Sad Departure: Why We Could Not Stay in the Church of Scotland' *METConnexion* Summer 2020.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES AND RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS**

Ecclesiastical History Society  
Junior Fellow of Manchester Wesley Research Centre.  
National Coalition of Independent Scholars  
The Chapels Society  
Wesley Historical Society  
Wesleyan Theological Society