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EDUCATION

2006 – 2012 Ph.D. Historical Theology, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. Thesis, *The Cappadocian Mothers: Deification Exemplified in the writings of Basil, Gregory and Gregory*. Dr. T. A. Noble, advisor.

1999 – 2004 M.A.T.S., Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO.
Magna Cum Laude

1979 – 1983 B.S. Nursing, Mid-America Nazarene College, Olathe, KS. Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS and VIDEO SEGMENTS

The Cappadocian Mothers: Deification Exemplified in the Writings of Basil, Gregory and Gregory. Wipf & Stock, Portland, 2017.

Reflecting the Image: Our Call to Mirror Christ in the World. Sunberg & Mitchell. Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 2015.

“The Importance of Place.” NTS President’s blog, September 2015.

“Past to Present: Social Justice as a Missional Work of the Church of the Nazarene” *Theology2Go*, January, 2015.
http://static1.1.sqspcdn.com/static/f/861040/25958258/1424057247013/NTS_TheologyToGo.pdf?token=9AY2JOUkKiyoxWeLVt4CzgdaxKQ%3D

Reclaiming Eve: The Identity and Calling of Women in the Kingdom of God. Burden, Sunberg & Wright. Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 2014.

Conversations on Holiness. “Holiness as Transformation,” Keith Davenport, editor. Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 2013.

"Because Spiritual Formation Happens Best in Community." NTS Alumni blog, February 2013.

Square Peg: Why Wesleyans Aren't Fundamentalists. "Why it Matters response to Biblical Authority," Dr. Al Truesdale, editor. Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 2012.

"Why We Have Women Clergy." Video segment for "Welcome to the Church of the Nazarene" Membership Package. Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 2012.

"Lord of the Flies." NTS Alumni blog, June 2012.

"Called to Be an Icon." Holiness Today blog, June 2012.

"Effective Ministry in the New Reality." *Grace and Peace Magazine*, April 2012.
<http://www.graceandpeacemagazine.org/articles/effective-ministry-in-the-new-reality>. Video series: <http://www.graceandpeacemagazine.org/new-reality-panel-discussion>.

"Put Away the Folding Table." Holiness Today blog, February 2012.

"Standing in the Gap." Holiness Today blog, September 2011.

"A Hard Look at Clergy Health." *Grace & Peace Magazine*, Summer 2011.

"Forum." Holiness Today, Fall 2010.

"Reflecting God." Devotional Series Fall 2010.

Editorial, *New Horizons*, Spring 2010.

Editorial, *Wellspring*, Fall 2009.

Editorial, *New Horizons*, Spring 2009.

Editorial, *New Horizons*, Fall 2008.

"Opening Doors." Holiness Today, May/June 2007.

"The Church as Community" in *European Explorations in Christian Holiness, Christ in Context: Wesleyan Responses to Pluralistic Europe*. Autumn 2006.

"Come to the Water." *Grow Magazine*, Summer 2006.

"Providing a Sanctuary of Hospitality." Holiness Today, March/April 2006.

"*Living Legacy.*" Devotional in *PLNU Devotional Book* for Summer Ministries, 2000.

“Guardian Angels.” Holiness Today, March 2000.

Faxes From Russia, Beacon Hill, Kansas City, 1996

BLOG

Reflecting the Image

<http://reflectingtheimage.blogspot.com/>

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

January 2017 – Association of Theological Schools, Women in Leadership Gathering. Panel member “The Future of Women in Leadership in Evangelical Institutions”

October 2016 – Newell Lectures in Biblical Studies, Anderson University. “Nicene Crossroads: Scripture and the Feminine in Cappadocia”

June 2016 – Plenary Address PALCON Northwest Nazarene University, “The Presence of God in Exile.”

June 2016 – Plenary Address PALCON Mid-America Nazarene University, “The Presence of God in Exile.”

April 2016 – Fruin Lecture Series, Olivet Nazarene University. “Intersection of Holiness & Culture –Considered Theologically and Missionally: Images of Theosis in the Fourth Century and Today”

August 2015 – Plenary Address -- East Africa Regional Conference, Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya. “Holiness Theology and Practical Ministry.”

July 2015 – Plenary Address PALCON Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN. “What Does it Mean to Live out of God’s Presence?”

June 2015 – Workshop, “The Changing Demographics of Christianity in the United States” Rocky Mountain District Church of the Nazarene.

May 2015 – Plenary Address PALCON Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, IL. “What Does it Mean to Live out of God’s Presence?”

March 2015 -- Malcolm Robertson Lectureship on Holy Living, Azusa Pacific University, “Holiness in the 4th Century.”

January 2015 – Workshop, “Theology of Person” with Carl Leth at the M15 Conference, Kansas City.

October 2014 – Presentation, Korea Nazarene University, Cheonan City, South Korea, “Wesleyan Education and Missions.”

September 2014 – Plenary Address, Social Justice Conference, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN. “Past to Present: Social Justice as a missional work of the Church of the Nazarene”

July 2014 – Plenary Address, PALCON Southern Nazarene University, Bethany, OK. “Jesus Loves Me: Our Theology of Love.”

May 2014 -- Commencement Speaker, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Mount Vernon, OH. “With Whom Will You Go?”

January 2014 —Spiritual Renewal Week, Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN. “The Jesus Way.”

September 2013 – Spiritual Renewal Week, Mid-America Nazarene University, Olathe, KS. “The Jesus Way.”

April 2013 – Presidential Address Plenary Session, Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference, Estes Park, Colorado. “Rise Up.”

March 2013 – Gould Holiness Lecture Series, Eastern Nazarene College, Quincy, MA. “Holiness in Cappadocia.”

January 2013 – Spiritual Renewal Speaker, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA. “Our Spiritual Wells.”

October 2012 – Pastor in Residence, Mid-America Nazarene University.

September 2012 – Women in Leadership Conference, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Plenary Speaker.

May 2012 – Commencement Speaker, Mid-America Nazarene University. “Called to be an Icon.”

April 2011 – Presidential Address Plenary Session, Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference, St. Louis Missouri “The Call.”

Fall 2010 – Chapel speaker Olivet Nazarene University. “Transformation that Changes our World.”

Summer 2010 – PALCON (Pastor’s and Leader’s Conference) plenary speaker at Eastern Nazarene College and Mount Vernon Nazarene University, “Holiness and Culture.”

July 2010 – Tyndale Conference, Cambridge, UK. “The Christianization of Deification from Origen to the Cappadocians and Implications for the Feminine.”

October 2009 – Holiness Summit, Mid-America Nazarene University. “Holiness in Today’s Culture.”

Spring 2009 – Chapel speaker Mid-America Nazarene University. “Prayer as Spiritual Formation.”

Fall 2008 – Chapel speaker Mount Vernon Nazarene University. “Prayer as Spiritual Formation.”

March 2005 – European Theology Conference, Busingen, Germany. “The Church as Community.”

January 2005 – European Nazarene College, Leadership Conference. “Ministering Cross-Culturally.”

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and RESPONSIBILITIES

Nazarene Foundation -- Member, Board of Directors, 2014 – present.

Mount Vernon Nazarene University -- Member, Board of Trustees, 2013.

Kenya Gender Based Violence Partnership – USDAC Chair, 2012 – present.

Wesleyan Holiness Connection – Member, Board of Directors, 2010 – present.

Regional Course of Study Committee (RCOSAC), USA Regional member, 2009 - present.

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Member - Board of Trustees, 2009 – 2014.

Pensions & Benefits Board, Church of the Nazarene, Member, 2009 – 2013.

Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy, Inc., President, 2009 – 2013.

Co-editor, *Wellspring* electronic magazine published by *WHWC*, 2009 –2011.

Nazarene Women Clergy Council, 2007 – present. Chairman for 3 years of this organization to promote the role of women clergy in the Church of the Nazarene.

Managing Editor, *New Horizons Magazine*, 2007 – 2009.

Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy, Inc. 2006-2009 Treasurer. Church of the

Nazarene denominational representative to the Board of Directors.

Helping Hands Healing Hearts, Inc., Board Member, 2006 – 2009.

The Johnson Foundation, Board Member, 2002 - present.

European Education Council, member, 2001-2005.

Regional Course of Study Committee (RCOSAC) Eurasia Regional member, 2001-2005.

Member, Wesleyan Theological Society.

Member, Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy.

AWARDS

Fay Quanstrom Chair of Pastoral Ministry, Olivet Nazarene University – 2015.

Doctor of Divinity, Olivet Nazarene University – 2012.

Alumna of the Year, Mid-America Nazarene University – 2008.

“Carry the Torch” Award, Mid-America Nazarene University – 1993.

American Heritage Award, Mid-America Nazarene University – 1983.

EMPLOYMENT

2017 – Present. General Superintendent, Church of the Nazarene.

2014 – 2017 President, Nazarene Theological Seminary and Professor of Historical Theology.

2011 – 2014. Co-District Superintendent, East Ohio District Church of the Nazarene. Providing spiritual and administrative leadership to the 77 churches of the East Ohio District.

2011 – 2013. Adjunct Faculty, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

2009 – 2013. Adjunct Faculty, Northwest Nazarene University

2005 –2011. Pastor of Evangelism and Discipleship – Grace Point Church of the Nazarene, Fort Wayne, IN.

Pastor of all Discipleship ministries, including new-member courses, visitor follow-up and assimilation, encouraging the church to utilize a Wesleyan model

for accountability and discipleship. Responsibilities include counseling, pastoral care, teaching, preaching, visitation and compassionate ministries.

2006 – Adjunct Faculty, Nazarene Theological Seminary

2001-2005 Director of Theological Education Church of the Nazarene – Commonwealth of Independent States – Moscow, Russia.

Directed the program of theological education and pastoral training in the former Soviet Union during its time of implementation and rapid expansion. Program was funded via donations and grants. This extension of European Nazarene College had approximately 250 students involved in Bachelor level courses, preparing for ministry. Courses were offered in five countries and three different languages.

1992-2001 Coordinator Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Commonwealth of Independent States – Moscow, Russia.

Coordinating and directing relief and development projects in the former Soviet Union. Directing the registration of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries as an NGO in five countries of the former Soviet Union. Organizing medical team ministries, Child Development centers and relief aid, as well as the training and development of national leadership.

COURSES TAUGHT

Church History I, Northwest Nazarene University MA/M.Div. program (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013), Mount Vernon Nazarene University (2011)

Church Leadership and Administration, European Nazarene College, Büsingen, Germany (2005)

Church Planting & Church Growth, European Nazarene College, CIS Extension, Russia and Ukraine (2003, 2004)

Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally, NEI District Course of Study (2007, 2008)

Evangelism and Discipleship, European Nazarene College, CIS Extension, Russia and Ukraine (2000)

History of the Ecumenical Councils, Nazarene Theological Seminary (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017) Olivet Nazarene University (2017)

Marriage and the Family, European Nazarene College, CIS Extension, Russia and Ukraine (2003, 2004)

Nazarene History and Polity, European Nazarene College, CIS Extension,

Russia, Ukraine & Central Asia (2000, 2003, 2004)

Spiritual Formation CIS European Nazarene College - CIS Extension, Russia, Ukraine & Armenia (2004, 2005), Nazarene Theological Seminary (2006)

Spiritual Formation in Community, Nazarene Theological Seminary (2014), Olivet Nazarene University (2017)

Wesleyan Theology, NEI District Course of Study (as directed study) (2008)

World Religions, European Nazarene College, CIS Extension, Russia, Ukraine (2003, 2004)

Speaks English, Russian and German. Ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene.

REFERENCES

Dr. Kent Brower, NTC, Manchester, UK – kbrower@nazarene.ac.uk

Dr. Doug Hardy, NTS, Kansas City, MO – dshardy@nts.edu

Dr. Tom Noble, NTS, Kansas City (Ph.D. advisor) – TANoble@nts.edu

Dr. Franklin Cook, former Eurasia Regional Director – RFRanklinCook@aol.com