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Employment

1985 - present Western Theological Seminary Holland, Michigan
Director, Beardslee Library

2002 - 2003 Western Theological Seminary Holland, Michigan
Strategic Planning Coordinator (temporary appointment)

1984-1985 Yale University Divinity School New Haven, Conn.
Public Services Librarian

1980–1983 Bethany Reformed Church Belmond, Iowa
Pastor

1977-1979 Lakeland Reformed Church Vicksburg, Michigan
Assistant Pastor

Education

1984 The University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa
M.A. (Library Science)

1979 Toronto School of Theology Toronto, Ontario
Th.M. (Historical Theology)

1976 Western Theological Seminary Holland, Michigan
M.Div.

1972 Hope College Holland, Michigan
B.A. (Philosophy and Political Science)

Classes taught, Seminars, Workshops

Introduction to Theological Research (for all degree programs, annually, 1985-)

Seminar in Research Methods (for Th.M. students, 2007 - .)

Introduction to Christian Ethics (1993 - 1997)

Theology and Ministry in the Age of Computers (alternate years, 1992 - 2000)

Reformed Church in America Church Polity (1993-94)

Seminar Facilitator for second-year Doctor of Ministry students (annually, 1993 -)

Leader of Intercultural Immersion trips to Mexico (annually, 1995 -)

Workshop for Church Librarians (with A. Nieuwkoop, November, 1995)

Seminary Responsibilities

Faculty Secretary, 1988 - .

Faculty Marshal, 1987 - 2003.

Administrative Cabinet, 1985 - .

Program Cabinet, 2005 - .

D.Min. Committee, 1993 - .

Chair, Information Resources and Technology Team, 2006 - 2009 .

Chair, Intercultural Immersion Committee, 2002 - 2006.

Chair, Theology Field, 2007 - 2009 .

Involvements and Affiliations

Ordained pastor and elder in the Reformed Church in America

American Academy of Religion

American Theological Library Association

Chicago Area Theological Library Association

Board of Directors, *Witness* (1995 – 2000)

Board of Directors, *Community Kitchen of Holland* (1992-96)

Participant in online ACRL seminar on library support for distance education programs (November, 2003)

Borderlinks Intensive Spanish Camp (Tucson/Nogales; January, 2004)

Participant in the Reciprocal Spanish/English Language Program (Holland, MI; January – May, 2004)

Volunteer, Justice for our Neighbors (Holland, MI; 2006 -)

Papers and Publications

"The Conversational Paradigm: Implications for Bibliographic Instruction in a Theological Library." Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters, 1987.

Numerous book reviews in the *Reformed Review*.