



Scott D. Seay

Education:

MSLIS, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (2020), academic library management
Graduate Certificate, University of Illinois (2018), archives and special collections librarianship
PhD, Vanderbilt University (2004), American religious history
MA, Vanderbilt University (2000), historiography
MDiv, Christian Theological Seminary (1996), practical ministry
MA, University of Chicago Divinity School (1992), New Testament
BA, Wabash College (1991), English literature and Greek language

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Expertise:

- Academic and special collections librarianship
- Graduate theological education for ministry
- Organizational analysis and strategic planning
- Program development and implementation

Personal Character:

- Organized and attentive to detail
- Committed to building strong relationships
- Attentive to concerns of cultural empathy
- High level of social and emotional intelligence

Recent Professional Experience:

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN, 2005–Present

Director of Library & Information Services and Associate Professor

- Lead in strategic planning and management of a small, graduate theological library with an annual operating budget >\$700,000
- Direct the work of two professional librarians, three part-time staff persons, and four student workers
- Collaborate with faculty colleagues in promoting information literacy across the curriculum
- Serve as senior editor of *Encounter: A Journal of Theological Scholarship*, published quarterly
- Teach three courses per year in the history of Christianity and leadership in ministry
- Direct the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree program
- Re-developed the archives and special collections program, administering \$150,000 in grant money
- Led in preparing the seminary's successful reaccreditation application with the Association of Theological Schools and Higher Learning Commission (2018)

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship, Nashville, IN, 2008–Present

Minister of Word and Sacrament

- Preach and lead weekly worship, moderate the Session, teach, and provide pastoral care in a small (<100 members) congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Led in re-aligning the congregation's identity with the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Manage an annual operating budget of \$140,000
- Developed the congregation into a successful field education site in collaboration with Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Led a capital campaign (2012-14) that raised \$420,000 to retire the church's mortgage seven years ahead of schedule
- Re-focused the congregation's financial priorities, resulting in an average growth of 12.3% annually in unrestricted giving; the 2020 budget allocates 38.5% of the church's resources to missions
- Oversaw the transition of the church's free clothing ministry to be an independent 501(c)3 corporation serving all of Brown County

Other Professional Experience:

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rochester, IN (2007)

Interim Minister

Served as pastor to a medium-sized congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): preached and led weekly worship; supervised a pastoral staff of three; provided pastoral care; and led the congregation in a self-assessment process during the Lilly-funded sabbatical of the permanent pastor.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ashland, OH (2004-2005)

Interim Minister

Served as pastor to a medium-sized congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): preached and led weekly worship; supervised a pastoral staff of four; provided pastoral care; and led the congregation in a self-assessment process in preparation for new pastoral leadership.

Ashland University, Ashland, OH (2002-2005)

Assistant Professor of Religion

Developed and taught undergraduate courses in Bible and the history of Christianity in a church-related university; served as chair of the Curriculum Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences; and collaborated with colleagues in revising the religion department curriculum.

Hamilton College, Clinton, NY (2001-2002)

Visiting Instructor in Religion

Developed and taught five elective courses on religion in America during a term appointment at this highly selective liberal arts college.

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY (2000–2001)

Adjunct Professor of Philosophy and Religion

Taught introductory courses in Bible, Christianity, and world religions.

Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN (2000–2001)

Associate Dean and Administrator

Managed a 30-unit residence facility for students at Vanderbilt Divinity School, coordinated extra-curricular programming for Disciples of Christ students, and provided administrative support to the Dean.

Harpeth Financial Group, Nashville, TN (1997–2001)

Office Manager and Controller

Managed the day-to-day office affairs in an office of twelve certified financial planners, estate planning attorneys, insurance agents, and seven support staff.

CPC Valle Vista Hospital, Greenwood, IN (1992-1997)

Clinical Services Manager

Oversaw the clinical services programming for a 96-bed, locked, residential facility for at-risk children and adolescents; designed and implemented a vocational rehabilitation program; and oversaw the work of six multi-disciplinary treatment teams.

Professional Memberships:

American Library Association (2018-Present)

American Academy of Religion (1998-2010)

American Society of Church History (2007-Present)

Association of Disciples for Theological Discussion (2009-Present; Secretary, 2010-19; President-elect, 2020-22)

Ministerial Credentials:

Ordained, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee (2000-05); in Indiana (2005-Present)
Admitted to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (2008-Present)

Publications:

Books

Anxious Faith: American Religious Communities in the 1920s (verbal agreement to publish with Northern Illinois University Press; proposal in development; anticipated publication date of late 2020 or early 2021)

Righteousness Exalteth a Nation: The Election Preaching of the New Divinity Men (forthcoming, 2020, Edwin Mellen Press)

Mama Mputu: The Missionary Letters of Buena Rose Stober (1897-1972) (forthcoming, 2020, Wipf and Stock)

The Stone-Campbell Movement: A Global History, Newell Williams, Doug Foster, and Paul Blowers (senior editors) and Scott Seay (managing editor) (Chalice Press, 2013)

Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Capital Crime, Execution Preaching, and the Shape of Theology in Early New England (Northern Illinois University Press, 2009)

Articles and Chapters in Books

"The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Stone-Campbell Missions and the Emergence of Global Pentecostalism," *Encounter* 79:3 (Fall, 2019): 21-42

"Stone-Campbell Missions and the Coming of Independence in the Congo," *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* 22:1 (Spring, 2019): 3-20

"War and Work: The 1940s," in Angelique Walker-Smith, et al. *Faith in the City, 1912-2012: The Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis* (Indianapolis Business Journal Publishers, 2012), ch. 4

"Conventional Wisdom *In Absentia*," *Discipliana* 68:1 (Spring, 2009), 7-22

Four "Sermon Review" articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 20:6 (November/December, 2009): 37-57

45 biographical entries appearing in *The Westminster Dictionary of Women and Religion in America* (Presbyterian Publishing Company, 2008)

Four "Sermon Review" articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 19:6 (November/December, 2008): 38-57

"Satan and his *Maleficium* in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards," in *The Contribution of Jonathan Edwards to American Culture and Society: Essays on America's Spiritual Founding Father* (Edwin Mellen Press, 2008), 259-280

Four "Sermon Review" articles, *Lectionary Homiletics* 18:6 (November/December, 2007): 39-58

"The Shortridge Incident: Christian Theological Seminary as an Agent of Reconciliation"
Encounter 68:1 (Winter, 2007): 63-82

"Disciples Divinity House," in Newell Williams, et al. ed., *The Encyclopedia of the Stone- Campbell Movement* (Eerdmans, 2004), 273-274

"For the Defense and Beauty of the Catholic Faith: The Rise of Neo-scholasticism among European Catholic Intellectuals, 1824-1879," *Logos* 5:3 (Summer, 2002), 119-134

"Breaking Up Fallow Ground or Sowing the Seeds of Discord? Estimating the Populist Influence of Alexander Campbell's *Christian Baptist*," *Discipliana* 61:4 (Winter, 2001), 113-127

Book Reviews

Daniel Rodgers, *As a City on a Hill: The Story of America's Most Famous Lay Sermon* (Princeton University Press, 2018), appearing in the *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (forthcoming, Spring, 2020)

Scott Sunquist, *The Unexpected Christian Century: The Reversal and Transformation of Global Christianity, 1900-2000* (Baker Academic, 2015), appearing in the *Journal of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (Spring, 2017): 96-97

Emerson W. Baker, *A Storm of Witchcraft: The Salem Trials and the American Experience* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2015), appearing in the *American Historical Review* (December, 2015): 1880-1881

Thomas Little, *The Origins of Southern Evangelicalism: Religious Revivalism in the South Carolina Lowcountry, 1670-1760* (University of South Carolina Press, 2013), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (April, 2015): 446-447

Leon von den Broeke, Hans Krabbendam, and Dirk Mouw, *Transatlantic Pieties: Dutch Clergy in Colonial America* (Eerdmans, 2012), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 65:3 (July, 2014): 699-700

Avihu Zakai, *Jonathan Edwards' Philosophy of Nature: The Re-Enchantment of the World in an Era of Scientific Reasoning* (T&T Clark, 2010), appearing in the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 63:1 (January, 2012): 177-178

E. Brooks Holifield, *Theology in America* (Yale, 2003), appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 48:2 (Spring, 2006): 474-476

William Danaher, *The Trinitarian Ethics of Jonathan Edwards* (Westminster John Knox, 2004) appearing in *The Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 26:1 (Spring/Summer, 2006): 188-190

Andrew Skotnicki, *Religion and the Development of the American Penal System* (University Press of America, 2000) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 45:3 (Summer, 2003): 602-603

John Wijngaards, *The Ordination of Women in the Catholic Church*, (Continuum, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 45:1 (Winter, 2003): 175-176

Mark Lewis Taylor, *The Executed God: The Way of the Cross in Lockdown America* (Fortress, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:1 (Winter, 2002): 180-181

Christopher Marshall, *Beyond Retribution: A New Testament Vision for Justice, Crime, and Punishment* (Eerdmans, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:1 (Winter, 2002): 182-183

Richard Snyder, *The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Punishment* (Eerdmans, 2001) appearing in *The Journal of Church and State* 44:2 (Spring, 2002): 369-370

Selected Lectures and Presentations:

"Stone-Campbell Missions and the Coming of African Independence," the *Stone-Campbell Journal* Lecture, North American Christian Convention (June 28, 2018)

175th Anniversary Celebration at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Terre Haute, Indiana (October 16, 2016)

"The Fearful Investor" a sermon on Matthew 25:14-30, preached for the 190th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan (August 21, 2016)

"Butler University, its School of Religion, and Christian Theological Seminary," presented at the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary (November 6, 2015)

The Perry Gresham Lectures, Michigan Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a series of three lectures focusing on Disciples identity and mission in a globalizing context (October 4-6, 2013)

"The Spirit Poured Out on All Flesh: Stone-Campbell Missions and the Emergence of Global Pentecostalism," the Annual Kirkpatrick Lecture, Jacksonville, FL (March 9, 2013)

"Jim Jones and the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in Indiana," lecture and panel discussion for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 29, 2012)

"Faiths of the Founding Fathers," a brief course offered through Elder-Friendly Communities and sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Indianapolis (November, 2009)

"Theological and Educational Foundations for Ministry among Disciples," a presentation to the CTS Board of Trustees (November 6, 2009)

Book discussion leader, Stephen Prothero, *Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know and Doesn't* (November 10, 2008)

"The Public Role of Religion in America," a 4-week course offered in the CTS Faith Learning Initiative (Fall, 2008)

"Discerning the Future of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): The Church's New Identity Statement," presented at the Twenty-Eighth Annual Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee (June 28, 2008)

"Identity Markers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)," a presentation made to the Board of Trustees of Christian Theological Seminary (November 2, 2007)

Panelist, "Imagining the Church Outside the Box: A Dialogue with Tim Ehrich" (October 30, 2007)

"Prayer in America," a 4-week course offered through the CTS Faith Learning Initiative (October, 2007)

Panelist, "Crossing the Racial Divide: The Voyage of *La Amistad*," sponsored by Speedway Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Light of the World Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the CTS Social Justice Group (October 2, 2007)

"*Hein v. Freedom from Religion Foundation Inc. and Federal Funding of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*," a presentation at the Constitution Day celebration at CTS (September 17, 2007)

"Faiths of the Founding Fathers," a 4-week course offered in the CTS Faith Learning Initiative (May, 2007)

Community Forum: "Doesn't the Bible Support the Death Penalty? Hasn't the Church Always Supported the Death Penalty?" (with Dr. Wilma Bailey), a part of the Lifelong Theological Education series *In Our Names: A Community Conversation on the Death Penalty* (February 8, 2007)

"A Brief History of Diversity at Christian Theological Seminary," presented to the CTS Board of Trustees (February 6, 2007)

"Presentation to the Twenty-First Century Visioning Team of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)" (December 18, 2006)

"Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Theological Reflections on Capital Punishment in Historical Perspective," the annual Eric Dean Lecture at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana (November 6, 2006)

"A Brief History of Diversity at Christian Theological Seminary," presented *in absentia* to the Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation Initiative colloquium at CTS (October, 2006)

"Doesn't Your Jesus Say...': New Testament Alternatives to Violence," Symposium on Alternatives to Violence, Ashland University, Ashland, OH (February 2-5, 2004)

"Satan and his *Maleficium* in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards," Jonathan Edwards Tercentenary Celebration, Northampton, MA (October 3-5, 2003)

"Resolved: Going to War Against Iraq is Unjust," a formal, public debate involving four faculty members held at Ashland University, Ashland, OH (November 22, 2002)

"Response to Richard Goode, 'Floating at Random Between Liberty and Obedience'" Kirkpatrick Historians' Seminar, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Nashville, TN (April 26-27, 2002)

"Rapists and Arsonists: The Social Construction of Black Criminality in Early American Crime Literature," American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO (November 17-20, 2001)

"A Defender of Man-Stealers: Alexander Campbell and Slavery," American Academy of Religion, Orlando, FL (November 21-24, 1998)

Fellowships and Grants:

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion (\$30,000), to support a colloquium entitled "The Pedagogy of the Archive" (2016)

Private Academic Libraries of Indiana (\$5,000), to support the production of an interactive online map to assist in teaching the history of the Stone-Campbell Movement (2015)

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Congregational Revitalization Grant (\$60,000), to support the revitalization of Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship (2008-2010)

Association of Theological Schools, Research Expense Grant (\$25,000), to support work on the collaborative

writing project that produced *The Stone-Campbell Movement: A Global History* (2008-2009)

Wabash Center Summer Fellowship Program (\$6,000), to support final work toward publishing *Hanging Between Heaven and Earth: Capital Crime Execution Preaching, and Theology in Early New England* (2007)

Association of Theological Schools Fellow, Lilly Conference on Theological Research (2007)

Associate Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (2006-Present)