

# RANDY G. LITCHFIELD

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## ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT - Doctor of Philosophy, Theology and Personality with an emphasis in Religious Education, 1991

Dissertation Title- *Clues to a Postmodern Social Theory of Religious Education*  
(President's Award for Academic Excellence)

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY - Master of Religious Education, 1987

(with Professional Distinction)

KETTERING UNIVERSITY (GENERAL MOTORS INSTITUTE) - Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, 1981

CONCENTRATIONS: Materials, Industrial Administration

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, in Jean Beatty Browning Chair in Christian Education, and DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT AND LEARNING TECHNOLOGY, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

2001- Present (joined faculty as tenured associate professor in 2001)

RESPONSIBILITIES: Instruct graduate classes in Christian education and Practical Theology as part of the M.A.C.E., M.A.P.T and M.Div. degrees. Courses include *Leadership, Learning and Community Formation; Theology and Practices of Ministry; Creating Learning Environments; Educating for Peace and Justice; Intergenerational and Childrens Ministries; Knowing Where We Dwell;* and *Group Life*. Provide curricular and programmatic leadership to a number of initiatives.

ACADEMIC DEAN and PROFESSOR, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, in Jean Beatty Browning Chair in Christian Education, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

2009-2014

RESPONSIBILITIES: As chief academic officer for the school and a member of Administrative Council, responsible for academic programs and policies, faculty development and supervision, hybrid courses, academic assessment and accreditation, academic support such as the library and registrar, educational and administrative technology, and public academic lectures.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education (APRRE)

July 2001 – June 2004

RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordinate activities of association throughout the year: newsletter, web master, membership renewal/maintenance, budgetary and financial management, directories, etc. Coordinate annual meetings: facilitate program construction, facilitate call for papers, compile papers into Proceedings (website, print and CD-ROM), publicity, hotel contracting and site administration, and registration. Facilitated committee work leading to joint reorganization of APRRE and the Religious Education Association in 2005.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Anderson University

September 1992 – May 2001 (Assistant Fall 1992, Associate Fall 1997, Tenured fall 1999)

RESPONSIBILITIES: Instruct undergraduate classes in religious education as part of the major in Christian Ministries and the liberal arts curriculum. Courses included *Teaching Ministry of the Church; Educational Ministry with Families; Group Work in the Church; Current Issues in Christian*

*Education; Educating for Peace, Justice and Sustainability; and Theology in a Parish Context* (previous three cross-listed for seminary students); *Faith Development of the Individual*; and *Christian Communities and Vocation*. Advise majors and direct individual internships. Served on the Curriculum Committee. Served on two grant writing/advisory committees for the Lilly Endowment. Faculty sponsor for two student groups.

ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN, School of Theology at Claremont  
September 1990 - July 1992

RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordinate public academic lectures; coordinate institutional reports such as Methodist Education Fund, ATS accreditation self-studies, and IPEDS; conduct research on student body; provide computer and technical support; coordinate January Interterm and Summer School (including UMC certification classes and coordination with "course of study" director).

INSTRUCTOR, School of Theology at Claremont  
June 1990 - July 1992

RESPONSIBILITIES: Design and instruct class for M.Div. field education internship; design and instruct theological component of *English for Theological Studies* class for English as a second language students (part of Korean bilingual M.Div. program), plan and instruct *Theory and Practice of Religious Education* (M.Div. program).

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT TEAM LEADER, Delco Remy Division of General Motors  
February 1986 - July 1987

RESPONSIBILITIES: Coordinate interdisciplinary engineering team responsible for development and production of automotive anti-lock brake components; team building; facilitate meetings; interface with customers, divisional task forces, and suppliers; project management including budgeting, project reviews, goal setting, and scheduling.

PRODUCT ENGINEER, Delco Remy Division of General Motors  
January 1981 - July 1987

RESPONSIBILITIES: Development of thermal packaging for electric vehicle batteries; development of switches, electronic testing, and speed sensors; interface with divisional customers; design reviews and analysis.

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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| 2011 - Present  | Member on seven Association of Theological Schools accreditation reaffirmation site visit teams focusing on academic assessment issues. Chair of one of these visiting team. |
| 2014 – Present  | Assessment consultant for theological schools  |
| 2004 to Present | Member, Editorial Board, journal <b><i>Religious Education</i></b> .   |
| 2013            | Association of Theological Schools Assessment Workshop Coach.  |
| 2011-12         | Participant, Colloquy for Theological School Deans, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.  |

- 2006-07 Participant, *Fostering Effective Teaching and Learning in Racially and Culturally Diverse Classrooms Colloquy*, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion. Coordinated follow-up grant addressing anti-racism at Methodist Theological School in Ohio.
- 2004-05 President-elect then President, United Methodist Association of Scholars in Christian Education. Responsible for biennial consultation theme and program in August 2005—“Longing for Leadership: Shifting Ecologies of Christian Education Leadership Formation”
- 2000 to 2001 Member, Board of Directors, Madison County Christian Counseling Center.
- 1996 to 2001 Coordinator for the *Pearl Toon Smith Memorial Christian Education Lecture Series*, an endowed lectureship at Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana.
- 1992 to 2001 Secretary, Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education.
- 1992 to 2000 Member, National Advisory Board for the School of Theology at Claremont, Claremont, California.
- 1994 to 1997 *Religious Studies Review* Book Note Editor, religious education area.
- 1996 & 1997 Coordinator and presenter, faculty discussions on teaching and using the Internet at Anderson University.
- 1994 to 1996 Co-coordinator of *Anderson University Faculty Lecture Series*, a monthly public forum open to faculty, students and the Anderson city community.
- 1994 to 1996 Workshop Coordinator for Anderson University Gender Symposium.
- 1994 (Summer) Instructor, *AM303 Educational Ministry with Youth*, School of Theology at Claremont (M.Div. program).
- 1986 - 1998 Various Warner Press curriculum projects: children's curriculum outlining committee; church school sessions for upper elementary, younger youth, and adults in *Bridges* curriculum; quarterly intergenerational "Anchor Sunday" lesson plans for *Bridges* curriculum.
- 1989 - 1992 Member of youth ministries research team at the School of Theology at Claremont, directed by Mary Elizabeth Mullino Moore and funded by the Lilly Endowment.
- 1991 - 1992 Coordinator of "E Pluribus Unum: Celebrating Visions of Religious and Cultural Pluralism," a conference jointly sponsored by the School of Theology at Claremont, the Skirball Institute on American Values, and the Religious Education Association. Included REA Jewish-Muslim-Christian conversation.
- 1981 to Present Lay church work: coordinator of youth ministry at local congregation; children's summer camp counselor; adult Sunday school teacher; youth Bible studies; leadership development workshops; Chair of Board of Christian Education; coordinated various special programs.

## PUBLICATIONS

***Roots and Routes: Calling, Ministry, and the Power of Place.*** Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2019.

“Prayer for New Tools” and “A Prayer for Placemaking” in ***United Against Racism: Churches for Change.*** New York: Friendship Press, 2018.

“In Memoriam: Dr. Allen J. Moore (September 7, 1927–September 18, 2016),” ***Religious Education***, Vol. 112 (2017): 4-5.

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“Rethinking Local Bible Study in a Postmodern Era.” In ***New Paradigms for Bible Study: The Bible in the Third Millennium***, edited by Robert M. Fowler, Edith L. Blumhofer, and Fernando F. Segovia. Harrisburg, PA: T&T Clark International, 2004.

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“Negotiating Contrasts and Revelation,” ***Religious Education***, Vol. 96 (2001): 430-34.

“Webs of Connection: Using Technology in Theological Education,” ***Teaching Theology and Religion*** Vol. 2, No. 2 (1999): 103-08.

“Lay Religious Vocation and Wesleyan Holiness,” ***Religious Education*** Vol. 91, No. 3 (1996): 282-98.

Book Note on ***Educating Christians*** by Jack L. Seymour, Margaret Ann Crain, and Joseph V. Crockett (Nashville: Abingdon, 1993) in ***Religious Studies Review*** Vol. 22, No. 1 (January 1996): 54.

## MEMBERSHIPS

Religious Education Association

References and additional information available by request