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Fuller Theological Seminary
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Formal Education

- 1966 B.Sci. in Chemistry, University of Redlands, California
1970 Ph. D. in Biological Chemistry, University of California at Los Angeles

Work Experience

- 2006 to present *Professor of International Development,*
Faculty director for the International Development and Urban Studies area of emphasis and chair of the administrative committee for the Center for Missiological Research.
- 2003 to 2006 *Vice President for Development and Food Resources, WVI*
Responsible for strategic oversight and quality control for transformational development, Christian witness, gender and development and food aid.
- 1998 to 2003 *Vice President for International Program Strategy, WVI*
Responsible for the strategic development and partnership deployment of World Vision's work in emergency relief, transformational development, advocacy, church relations and Christian witness.
- 1995 to present *Vice President for Strategy and Christian Mission, WVI*
Director of MARC
Responsible for supporting president in developing the strategic capability of the partnership. Christian mission publishing
- 1989 to 1995 *Vice President for Holistic Ministry Resources, WVI*
Director of MARC
Responsible for championing Christian witness and supporting church relations on behalf of the partnership. Director of MARC.
- 1985 to 1989 *Vice President for Corporate Services, WVI*
Responsible for technical services to field ministries, HRD and information technology.
- 1983 to 1985 *Director of Corporate Planning, WVI*
Responsible for developing and championing a partnership strategic planning system.
- 1982 to 1985 *Director of International Projects, WVI*
Responsible for technical support to field ministry, project information and sponsorship management.
- 1979 to 1982 *Director of Field Systems, WVI*

Responsible for designing, installing and maintaining the field project and sponsorship management systems.

1977-1979

Africa regional director for relief and development, WVI

Responsible for managing relief and development projects in Africa region.

1976 to 1977

Asia Associate Director for Relief and Development, WVI

Responsible for training and monitoring of new relief and development ministry in Asia field offices.

Other ministry experience

1993 to 2000

Co-Chair, Theology and Strategy Working Group (TSWG), Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization

2000

Co-Convener of "Deliver Us From Evil," a Lausanne Theology and Strategy Working Group consultation in Kenya.

1998

Co-Convener of "Islam and Christian Mission," a Lausanne Theology and Strategy Working Group consultation in Cyprus.

1997

Co-Convener of "Contextualization Revisited," a Lausanne Theology and Strategy Working Group consultation in Denmark.

1993 to 2000

Member of the Executive Committee of the Lausanne Committee on World Evangelization

Involvement on Boards

1990- present

Member of the Board of Iwa, a Japanese American Evangelistic Assoc

1990 to 2000

Chairman of the Board, Evangelicals for Social Action, USA

2003 to 2014

Member of the Board, Evangelicals for Social Action, USA

2000 to 2005

International Council, VIVA Network (UK)

1997 to 2001

Member of the International Council, Arab World Ministries (UK)

Books

Myers, Bryant, Eric Dufaut-Hunter, and Isaac Voss, Ed. 2015. *Health, healing and shalom: Frontiers and challenges for Christian health missions*. Pasadena: William Carey.

Walking with the Poor (2nd Ed.), Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2011. World Vision International

Reflections: An Exploration of Faith and Development. 2006. Monrovia, CA: 2006. World Vision International

Exploring World Mission: Context and Challenges, Monrovia: World Vision, 2003

Deliver Us from Evil: An Uneasy Frontier in Christian Mission, Co-editor with Moreau, Adeyemo, Burnett and Yung, MARC, 2002.

Walking With the Poor: Principles and Practice of Transformational Development, Orbis Books and World Vision, 1999.

Working With the Poor: Insights and Learnings from Development Practitioners, Editor, MARC, 1999.

Serving with the Poor in Latin America, Co-editor with Yamamori, Padilla and Rake, MARC books, 1987.

Changing Context of Global Mission, MARC books, 1997.

Serving With The Poor in Africa, Co-editor with Yamamori and Bediako, MARC books, 1996.

Serving with the Poor in Asia, Co-editor with Yamamori and Connell, MARC books, 1995.

Changing Shape of World Mission, MARC books, 1993

Health, Healing and Transformation, Co-editor with Allen, Ram and Luscombe, MARC books, 1991.

Published Papers/Book chapters

“Progressive Pentecostalism, Development, and Christian Development NGOs: A Challenge and an Opportunity,” *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, July 2015.

“Health, Healing and Wholeness: Theological Reflections on Shalom and Salvation.” *Health, healing and shalom: Frontiers and challenges for Christian health missions*. Pasadena: William Carey, 2015.

“The whole gospel: Health, healing and Christian witness.” *Health, healing and shalom: Frontiers and challenges for Christian health missions*. Pasadena: William Carey, 2015.

“Good question or bad? It all depends,” *Evangelical Mission Quarterly*, July 2012.

“Holistic Mission: New Frontiers,” in Woolnough, Brian and Ma, Wonsuk, Ed., *Holistic Mission: God’s Plan for God’s People*, Oxford: Regnum, 2010.

“Poverty and Human Flourishing,” *Theology News and Notes*, Spring 2010.

“Boundless Faith,” book review for *IBMR*, 34(1), January 2010.

“Walking with the Poor with a Bias Toward Peace,” *Theology News and Notes*.

“Poverty,” in Dyrness, William and Karkkainen, Veli-Mati, Ed. *Global Dictionary of Theology*, Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008.

“Relief and Development,” in Dyrness, William and Karkkainen, Veli-Mati, Ed. *Global Dictionary of Theology*, Downer’s Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 2008.

“Humanitarian Response: Christians in Response to Uprooted People,” *Missiology*, Vol XXXV, No. 2, April 2007.

“Provoking the Question: Uniting Christian Witness and Transformational Development,” *World Vision International*, 2006.

“Freeing God’s Children,” book review for *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, Vol 41, No 3, July 2005

“The Whole Gospel to the Whole World,” in J. T. K. Daniel, ed., *World Evangelization and Christian Leadership*. ISPCK (India), 2005.

“Compassion with an Attitude: A Humanitarian’s View of Human Suffering,” *Brandywine Review*, 2:3, Winter 2004.

“Despite Good Intentions: Why Development in the Third World Has Failed,” book review for the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, Vol. 27, No. 4, October 2003.

“The Church and Transformational Development,” *Transformation*, Vol 17, No 2, April/June 2000.

“Faith in Development,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, Vol 1, Winter/Spring 2000. Co-authored with Alan Whaites and Bruce Wilkinson.

“What Makes Development Christian? Recovering from the Impact of Modernity,” *Missiology*, Vol. XXVI, No. 2, 143-153, April 1998.

“Making Participatory Rural Appraisals Holistic,” co-authored with Bruce Bradshaw, World Vision Staff Working Paper, 1996.

“The Global Context of Christian Relief and Development,” *Conrad Grebel Review*, Fall 1995.

“State of The World's Children: A Critical Challenge to Christian Mission in the 1990's,”
International Bulletin of Missionary Research, Vol. 18 No. 3. July 1994.

“A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Evangelical-Ecumenical Cooperation” *International Review of Mission*, Vol. LXXXI No 323, July 1992.

Significant speaking engagements

“Poverty and development in Christian perspective,” Ethiopia Mission Network, March 2015

“The times, they are a’changin. New stuff worth wondering about,” address to the WV Canada Board, January 2015

“Walking with the Poor: Toward a biblical view of poverty and development,” all staff meeting of WV Canada, January 2015

“Walking with the Poor: Toward a biblical view of poverty and development,” Los Ranchos Presbytery, February 2014

“Walking with the Poor: Toward a biblical view of poverty and development,” Los Ranchos Presbytery, February 2014

“Looking back to a mission organization. Looking forward to a professional relief and development agency driven by Christian mission,” address to the WVUS Board, January 2014

“What about the faith and development conversation?” Panel response to Dr. Alistair Ager as part of the 2013 SIS Missiology Lecture series, Nov 2013.

“Poverty and development in Christian perspective,” Malawi Mission Network, August 2013

“New Frontiers for Holistic Mission,” keynote address to the Evangelical Mission Society Regional Meeting, March 2013

“A missiological investigation into the dynamics of oppression,” paper given at the Evangelical Mission Society Regional Meeting, March 2013.

“The whole gospel: Health and healing as Christian witness,” West Coast Healthcare Missions Conference, September 28, 2012

“Health, Healing and Wholeness: Theological Reflections on Shalom and Salvation.” West Coast Healthcare Missions Conference, September 28, 2012

“Caring for Others in a Christian way,” China Pastor’s Training, Fuller Theological Seminary, August 10, 2012.

“Transformational Development: New Frontiers,” Transformational Development Summit, ACCORD Forum, Nov 2011.

“Just Peacemaking and Development,” Just Peacemaking Initiative, Fuller Theological Seminary, Sep 2011.

“The whole gospel: Health and healing as Christian witness” West Coast Healthcare Missions Conference, September 29, 2009

“Transformational Development: Ten Challenges for the Future,” Transformational Development Conference, Portland, August 14, 2008

“Children in Our Midst: Our Mandate, Missiology lecture, School of Intercultural Studies, Fuller Theological Seminary, November 2007

“What’s Going on With the World’s Children?” West Coast Healthcare Missions Conference, August 2007.

Series of pastor’s and mission conferences in Brazil, 2002

“Walking with the poor,” consultation with Singapore church leaders, 2001

Plenary speaker, Cutting Edge 2001, De Bron, Holland, 2001

Dialogue on holistic transformational development. Christian Reformed World Relief, Christian Reformed US Ministries, Calvin Seminary, 2000.

“What makes transformational development Christian?” Presentation to the Board of Opportunity US, 2000.

“Uniting the spiritual and the physical in transformational development.” Annual international staff retreat of the Mennonite Central Committee, 2000.

“Transformation and the poor,” A consultation with Malaysian relief and development agencies, 1999.

Three plenary addresses on future trends, a Christian view of poverty and development and on Christian witness to the triennial international leader’s meeting of the Salvation Army, Melbourne, Australia, 1988.

“Why development is always religious.” A panel address on religion and development at the “Development in Crisis” meeting of major US NGOs, hosted by the Johns Hopkins School of International Studies, Washington D.C., 1997.

“The Global Context of Christian Relief and Development,” a plenary address to the 75th anniversary celebration of the Mennonite Central Committee, Toronto, 1995.

“Breaking the Web of Lies: The Role of the Christian Mind,” a paper jointly given with Jayakumar Christian at the Villar Committee/Stewardship Journal meeting on relief and development, Costa Rica, 1994.

“Who are the American Evangelicals? A Popular Account from the Perspective of Mission,” a paper given at the opening meeting of the WCC Evangelical-Orthodox Dialogue, Stuttgart, Germany, 1993.

“Evangelism and Development: How Do They Come Together in Practice?” a plenary address to The Gathering, Colorado Springs, 1992.

“Justice and Peace: Is There Room for the Poor in the New World Order?” paper for the conference “Peace Perspectives for the 21st Century,” Whittier College, 1992.

Gave the 1992 Charles Simeon Lecture Series at the Trinity Episcopal School of Ministry in Pittsburgh, PA.

Family

Lisa Myers is a spiritual director and retreat leader.

Brooke (34) is a lawyer working for a Los Angeles firm

James (30) has an MBA and is working for a Lionsgate Films

Church activities

2012-13 Teach inductive Bible Study for men's group, La Canada Presbyterian

2007- present Member of St. James Episcopal Church. Have taught classes and preached.

2012-13 Leading men's group Bible study at La Canada Presbyterian Church

1985 to 2007 Ordained elder, La Canada Presbyterian Church (PCUSA)

1990 to 2005 I taught an inductive Bible study class for adults on Sunday morning