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Dale S. Ryan

EDUCATION

M.Div. Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 1984
Ph.D. (Biochemistry) University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, 1974
M.S. (Food Science) University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, 1972
B.S. (Chemistry) Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, 1969

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008-Present Associate Professor of Recovery Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary
2004-2007 Assistant Professor of Recovery Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary
1993-2004 Adjunct Instructor in Pastoral Counseling, Fuller Theological Seminary
1989-Present Chief Executive Officer, Christian Recovery International
1984-1989 Assistant Pastor, Whittier Area Baptist Fellowship, Whittier, CA 1974-
1981 Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seven years of teaching at University of Wisconsin, Madison—almost entirely graduate level seminars in protein biochemistry or food safety. Plus:

AT FULLER

EV532: Recovery Ministry in the Local Church

Syllabus [[pdf](#)]

This course is normally offered every Winter on the Pasadena campus.

CN553: Pastoral Care and Abuse

Syllabus [[pdf](#)]

[Web site with material related to class content](#)

This course is normally offered every Spring on the Pasadena campus.

SP519: Spirituality and Recovery

Cotaught with Matt Russell in Summer, 2011.

Both EV532 and CN553 are offered online in alternate years during the Fall quarter.

CN746: Recovery Ministry in Local Churches (Korean DMin Course). Summer, 2007 and 2013.

ELSEWHERE

“Recovery Ministry in the Local Church” at [Logos Evangelical Seminary](#). Fall, 2007.

June, 2004. Amsterdam, Netherlands. Taught a one week intensive entitled “Introduction to Recovery Ministry in the Local Church” at an [Addictive Behavior Counseling School](#) sponsored by the University of the Nations.

November, 2003. Jeju Island, South Korea. Taught a one week intensive entitled “Introduction to Recovery Ministry in the Local Church” at an [Addictive Behavior Counseling School](#) sponsored by the University of the Nations.

WEB SITES

For additional information about the Fuller Institute for Recovery Ministry please visit:

[Fuller Institute for Recovery Ministry](#)

For additional information about the ministry of Dr. Ryan please visit:

[Christian Recovery International](#)

[National Association for Christian Recovery](#)

BOOKS

The Twelve Steps: A Spiritual Kindergarten, Dale and Juanita Ryan. (Christian Recovery International , 2001) Also available in Spanish, Swedish and Korean.

Rooted in God's Love, Meditations on Biblical Texts for Christians in Recovery, Dale and Juanita Ryan. Originally published by InterVarsity Press. Also available as a daily email and online [here](#). Also available in Finnish, Arabic and Italian, Korean. (Mongolian translation in process).

Addiction and Recovery, by Dale Ryan, translated by DongSup Jung, 2005, Yechansa, Seoul. (Available only in Korean)

Soul Repair: Rebuilding a Spiritual Life, Dale Ryan, Juanita Ryan and Jeff VanVonderen. InterVarsity Press. 2008.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

Self-Esteem: An Operational Definition and Ethical Analysis, Journal of Psychology and Theology 11,4 (1983) 295-302.

PUBLISHED INTERVIEWS

“Addicts in the Pew”. By: Maudlin, M.G.. Christianity Today, 7/22/91, Vol. 35 Issue 8, p19, 3p

“A Conversation About Addiction and Grace”. Radix Magazine Vol. 30. No. 3, p4, 6p

ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN STEPS MAGAZINE

STEPS is a publication of the National Association for Christian Recovery. These articles are all available in the online library of the National Association for Christian Recovery.

[Recovery from Spiritual Anorexia](#)

[Getting Good at Being Imperfect](#)

[Letting Go and Letting God](#)

[Learning to Tell the Truth](#)

[Theological Education and Recovery](#)

[Recovery at Church?](#)

[Beating the Pedestal Syndrome: Help for Pastors Drowning in the Ministry](#)

[The Christian Recovery Movement: A brief introduction](#)

[The Fear Factor](#)

[Global Problems, Global Responses](#)

[Safe Sex](#)

[On Addiction](#)

[Spiritual Distress in Recovery](#) (with Juanita Ryan)

[Resistance to Recovery](#)

[On Quick Fixes](#)

[Spiritual Brokenness in Recovery](#)

[Back to the Basics: An Introduction to Recovery](#)

[Criticisms of Recovery - Part 1](#)

[Criticisms of Recovery - Part 2](#)

[Criticisms of Recovery - Part 3](#)
[Abundance and Scarcity](#)
[Relationships and Recovery](#)
[Theology and Recovery](#)
[If your god is not God, fire him](#)
[When Religion Goes Bad - Part 1 \(with Jeff VanVonderen\)](#)
[When Religion Goes Bad - Part 2 - \(with Jeff VanVonderen\)](#)
[When Religion Goes Bad - Part 3 - Religious Codependency](#) (with Jeff VanVonderen)
[Recovery Groups & Small Groups: Differences and similarities](#)

BIBLE STUDY GUIDES

Distorted Images of Self: Restoring Our Vision, Dale and Juanita Ryan, (Intervarsity Press, 2013)

¿Por qué no recuperarse de las adicciones? Dale and Juanita Ryan, (National Association for Christian Recovery, 2013)

Distorted Images of God: Restoring Our Vision, Dale and Juanita Ryan, (Intervarsity Press, 2012)

Originally published by InterVarsity Press, the following studies, coauthored by Dale and Juanita Ryan, are now out-of-print but are still available in the online store of the National Association for Christian Recovery (www.nacr.org). Some of these studies are available in Chinese, Indonesian, Finnish, Spanish, Danish and several other languages.

The Letting God be God series (8 volumes)

- Receiving Comfort from God
- Receiving Forgiveness from God
- Receiving Guidance from God
- Receiving Hope from God
- Receiving Identity from God
- Receiving Love from God
- Receiving Peace from God
- Receiving Strength from God

The Life Recovery Guide series (16 volumes). Some volumes available in Spanish, Finnish, Chinese, and Indonesian.

- Recovery from Fear
- Recovery from Codependency
- Recovery from Abuse
- Recovery from Depression
- Recovery from Family Dysfunction
- Recovery from Distorted Images of God
- Recovery from Distorted Images of Self
- Recovery from Bitterness
- Recovery from Broken Relationships
- Recovery from Addictions (STEPS 1-3)
- Recovery from Guilt (STEPS 4-9)
- Recovery: A Lifelong Journey (STEPS 10-12)
- Recovery from Shame
- Recovery from Spiritual Abuse
- Recovery from Loss

MISC PUBLICATIONS

2013. Article entitled “Spirituality and Recovery: Working with Christian clients who are involved in twelve step culture” for the newsletter of the Addictions Interest Group of the American Association for Christian Counselors.

Three short meditations which appear in the The Journey of Recovery New Testament (2006, International Bible Society)

Article on recovery from abuse in Fuller student paper. Spring 2007.

Customizing Personal Ministry. First appeared in Leadership Magazine as “Six Ways Churches Organize Care Ministry”.

PRESENTATIONS (INTERNATIONAL)

Sept.19-21, 2012 . Onnuri Church. Seoul, Republic of Korea. 5 plenary presentations at their recovery ministry conference.

October 1-2, 2010. Northwest Baptist Seminary , Vancouver, BC CANADA. 3 plenary presentations at the Addictions and Recovery Ministry Conference. (Co-sponsored by the Liver and Intestinal Research Centre)

October, 2004. Cairo, Egypt. Three plenary presentations (“Receiving from God”, “What is Recovery” and “A Relational Model for Recovery Ministry”) at the annual conference of the recovery ministry at Kasr El Doubara Evangelical Church. For more information see: arabicrecovery.com.

May, 2003. Madrid, Spain. A plenary presentation (“Receiving from God”) and a workshop (“An Historical Overview of Recovery in the American Experience”) at the annual meeting of the [International Substance Abuse and Addiction Coalition](#).

August, 2002. Vivamosa, Finland. Two plenary presentations (“Receiving from God” and “Relationships in Recovery”) and a half day workshop on “Recovery Ministry in the Local Church” at the annual conference of [KRITO](#).

November, 2000, Mexico City, Mexico. Three plenary presentations on “Twelve Step Spirituality” at the annual gathering of [Vencedores](#).

June, 2000. Frankfurt, Germany. Four plenary presentations on the theological foundations of Christian recovery at the first annual meeting of [Endlich-Leben Netzwerk](#), a coalition of Christian twelve step ministries in German speaking Europe.

August, 1999. Stockholm, Sweden. Two plenary presentations (“Theology of Recovery” and “International Perspectives on Recovery Ministry”) at an event sponsored by [Brommadialogen](#) at the Swedish Baptist Seminary.

August 1999, Vivamosa, Finland. Three plenary presentations (“Recovery and the Past”, “Recovery and the Present” and “Recovery and the Future”) at the annual conference of [KRITO](#).

August, 1998 Moscow, Russia. One presentation at a meeting of mental health professionals organized by OPORA

August, 1998. Vivamosa, Finland. Three plenary presentations ("Recovery from Distorted Images of God", "Recovery and Relationships" and "Theology of Recovery") at the annual conference of [KRITO](#).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT EVENTS IN THE US

Presenter and consultant at Asbury College and Seminary's annual Holiness Week, Sept. 2013

Oct 20-21, 2012. Presentation on "Spirituality and Recovery" at the Collegiate Recovery Community Conference at University of California, Riverside.

September, 2007, Dallas, TX. Keynote presentation at [Leadership Network Forum](#) on recovery ministry in the local church.

March, 2007. Pasadena, CA. Plenary presentation on "Understanding Recovery from Abuse" at the Smedes Conference on Foster Care and Adoption.

August, 2006. Dallas Texas. Keynote presentation at [Leadership Network Forum](#) on recovery ministry in the local church.

July, 2005. Pasadena, CA. Plenary presentation on "Receiving from God" and a workshop on "Theological Foundations of Recovery Ministry" at the annual meeting of the [National Association for Christian Recovery](#).

VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

2013. Multiple contributions to the video series entitled "Spirituality and Recovery" published by the National Association for Christian Recovery. See previews: [here](#).

2012. Video presentations on "Recovery the Ability to Receive Grace" and "Restoring Christian Testimony" are available from [The Work of the People](#)

2012. Video for Fuller Seminary's Field Education program on "Learning to Tell the Truth"

ORGANIZATIONAL MIDWIFERY

Served as founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Rio Hondo Temporary Home, a 110-bed transitional housing facility for homeless families in Norwalk, California.

Served as founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for [Overcomers Outreach](#) Inc. which is a network of distinctively Christian twelve step groups.

Cofounded and midwifed [Confident Kids](#), a network of support groups for elementary age children from high risk homes.

Cofounded and midwifed the [Clergy Recovery Network](#), an outreach to pastors and other religious professions in crisis or early recovery.

Assisted with the formation of [Prodigals International](#), a distinctively Christian ministry for sex addicts.

Co-founded the [National Association for Christian Recovery](#) and served intermittently as its Executive Director

MISC. CURRENT ACTIVITIES

Member of the Board of Directors for [Middle East Fellowship](#).

Member of the Board of Directors for the [National Association for Christian Recovery](#)