

RYAN K. BOLGER

EDUCATION

Fuller Theological Seminary

2003 Ph.D., School of World Mission (Intercultural Studies)

1999 M.A., School of Theology (Theology)

1999 M.A., School of World Mission (Cross-Cultural Studies)

University of California, Davis

1986 B.A., Linguistics

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Yale Center for Faith and Culture: Theological Education Renewal Award, Fall 2005

Pastoral Leadership Project Dissertation Fellowship / Duke Divinity School 2001-2002

Contextualization Award, Fuller Seminary, 2002

Donald A. McGavran Award, Fuller Seminary 2001

Graduate Online Course of the Year from ACCESS and Christianity Today, 1999

SEMINARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fuller Theological Seminary (2002-2018)

Associate Professor

Practice of Community Spring 2018

Practice of Formation Winter 2018

Practice of Worship Fall 2017

Practice of Mission Fall 2017

Practice of Worship Summer 2017

Practice of Worship Spring 2017

Church in an Age of Technology Spring 2017

Practice of Community Winter 2017

D.Miss Dissertation Seminar Fall 2016

Missiology as a Discipline (doctoral studies, with Scott Sunquist), Fall 2016

Practice of Worship Summer 2016

Practice of Vocational Formation Spring 2016

Missiology as a Discipline (doctoral studies, with Dave Scott), Winter 2016

Missiological Leadership Theory and Methods (D.Miss) Fall 2015

Missiology as a Discipline (doctoral studies, with Dave Scott), Fall 2015

Missiology as a Discipline (doctoral studies, with Dave Scott), Summer 2015

Practice of Mission (hybrid) Summer 2015

Church in an Age of Technology Spring 2015

Practice of Mission Spring 2015

Practice of Mission Winter 2015

Church in Mission (hybrid) Summer 2014

Missiological Research Theory and Methods (D.Miss) Fall 2013

Church in Mission (online) Spring 2013

Church in the Age of Facebook Spring 2013

Church in Mission (online) Winter 2013

Church Growth Church Planting Fall 2012

Evangelizing Nominal Christians Summer 2012

Church in Mission (online) Spring 2012

Church in the Age of Facebook (Korean) Spring 2012

Organizational Research Theory and Methods (D.Miss) Winter 2012

Church Growth Church Planting Fall 2011

Church in Mission Summer 2011

Evangelizing Nominal Christians Summer 2011

Church in the Age of Facebook (MA) Spring 2011

Church in the Age of Facebook (D.Min) Winter 2011

Cultural Research Theory and Methods (D.Miss) Winter 2011

Church in Mission Fall 2010

Church Growth/Church Planting Fall 2010

Church in Mission Fall 2009

Church Growth/Church Planting Fall 2009

Evangelizing Nominal Christians Summer 2009
 Church Growth/Church Planting Winter 2009
 Transforming Contemporary Culture Winter 2009
 Cultural Research Theory and Methods (D.Miss) Winter 2009
 Church in Mission Fall 2008
 Church in American Culture Fall 2008

Mentor (2004-2018)

Supervised seventy writing projects, independent studies, and practica, at the MA level or Thm level
 At the (D.Miss) doctoral level, mentored nine doctoral students (and their ongoing tutorial and method work throughout their program).
 At the (PhD) doctoral level, thirty-four tutorials, seven methods
 Served on thirteen doctoral committees, and mentored eleven doctoral students.
 Mentored two D.Min. students

Assistant Professor

Evangelizing Nominal Christians Summer 2008
 Researching Churches and Cultures Winter 2008
 Transforming Contemporary Culture Winter 2008
 American Culture, Social Location, and the Gospel (with Mark Lau Branson) Fall 2007
 Church and Mission Fall 2007
 Evangelizing Nominal Christians Summer 2007
 Theory and Methods of Cultural Research Summer 2007
 Theory and Methods of Missional Church Summer 2007
 Emerging Churches Spring 2007
 Reimagining Church (with Doug Pagitt) (D.Min) Winter 2007
 Church and Mission Winter 2007
 Church Growth Fall 2006
 Emerging Church (with Eddie Gibbs) Winter 2006
 The Spirituality of U2, Spring 2006 (with Barry Taylor)
 Jesus the Missionary, Spring 2006
 Emerging Churches, Winter 2006 (with Eddie Gibbs)
 Transforming Contemporary Culture, Fall 2005
 Cross-Cultural Apologetics, Fall 2005
 Mission Strategy, Summer 2005
 Global Leadership: Implications, Spring 2005
 Global Leadership: Implications, Winter 2005
 Jesus the Missionary, Winter 2005 (with Wilbert Shenk)
 Global Leadership: Implications, Fall 2004
 Global Leadership in Context, Fall 2003
 Global Leadership in Context, Summer 2004
 Global Leadership in Context, Summer 2003
 Developing Your Learning Plan, Summer 2003 (with Bob Freeman)
 Developing Your Learning Plan, Spring 2003 (with Bob Freeman)
 Global Leadership in Context, Spring 2003
 Developing Your Learning Plan, Winter 2003 (with Bob Freeman)
 Mission in Modern Culture, Fall 2002 (online)

Instructor (2000-2002)

Modern Culture and Evangelism, Spring 2002 (Seattle)
 Emerging Church, Winter 2002 (with Mark Lau Branson).
 Reshaping the Church for Mission, Summer 2001 (with Eddie Gibbs).
 Thinking Missiologically, Fall 2000 (with Wilbert Shenk)

Instructor/Web developer (1999-2003)

Developing Your Learning Plan (Internet Course), Winter 2003 (with Bob Freeman)
 Foundations of Church Growth (Internet course), Winter 2001.
 Evangelizing Nominal Christians (Internet course), Fall 1999 (with Eddie Gibbs).

Articles in Process

"Letting Go Of Yesterday, Making Room For Today: Towards An Authentic Present-Day Christianity" a 7500 word document for the Seigakuin University General Research Institute BULLETIN, to be published in 2019, due July 31, 2018. Completed except for formatting, footnotes, already presented in February.

Books in Process

"Spiritual Communities in a Technological World", a 75,000 word manuscript due to Baker books due Dec 2018. This book addresses the challenges churches face in a time of rapid technological change.

Books

Gospel After Christendom: New Voices, New Cultures, New Expressions, Ryan Bolger, ed. (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House), 2012

Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures, co-author Eddie Gibbs (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House), 2005.

Chapters and Articles

"Evangelicals on a Journey to Emergence: What to Take, What to Leave Behind," in *Phyllis Tickle: Evangelist of the Future*, ed. Tony Jones (Brewster, Mass: Paraclete Press, 2013).

"Following Jesus in the Network Society: Faithful Living in a World Mediated by Technology" in *The Missional Church and the First Third of Life*, ed. Terri Elton. (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans), forthcoming in 2017(?).

Bolger, R., & Landres, J. "Emergent religion," in *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, M. Juergensmeyer, & W. Roof eds., (pp. 340-342). Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, 2012, pp. 340-342.

"Emerging Churches within Denominational Structures," Fall 2008, *Theology News and Notes*, Fuller Theological Seminary, co-edited entire issue with Eddie Gibbs.

"Communion and the Emerging Church in the US," in *Mass Culture, 2nd Edition*, ed. Pete Ward (Oxford: Bible Reading Fellowship), 2008.

"Contemporary Perspectives on Worship: Emerging Forms of Worship in the US and UK" in *Worship that Changes Lives* ed. Alexis Abernethy (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker) 2008.

"Practice Movements In Global Information Culture: Looking Back To McGavran And Finding A Way Forward," *Missiology* Volume XXXV No.2 (April 2007), pp.181-193.

"Following Jesus into Culture, Emerging Church as Social Movement," in *An Emergent Manifesto of Hope*, eds. Doug Pagitt and Tony Jones (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker), 2007

Landres, J. Shawn and Bolger, Ryan K. "Emerging Patterns of Interreligious Conversation," in *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, Vol. 612, No. 1, 225-239 (2007).

"Postmodern Forms of the Church", co-author Eddie Gibbs, in *Evangelical, Ecumenical, and Anabaptist Missiologies in Conversation: Essays in Honor of Wilbert R. Shenk*, eds. James Krabill, Walter Sawatsky, and Charles Van Engen (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books), 2006.

"The Local Church In Mission: Becoming A Missional Congregation In The Twenty-First Century Global Context," editor, Track 10A, *Lausanne Conference for World Evangelization*, Pattaya Thailand, Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 2004.

"The Evangelical Strategy of MTV," *Strategies for Today's Leader*, Fourth Quarter, 2001. Vol. 38, No.4.

"Dwelling, Distinctiveness, and Dialogue: The Missiological Triad of John Howard Yoder," *Mission Focus: Annual Review*, 1998, Volume 6.

Academic Presentations

"*Letting Go Of Yesterday- Making Room For Today: Towards An Authentic Present-Day Christianity*" Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary, Kobe, Japan (February 2, 2018) and The Fifth Great East Japan Earthquake International Theological Symposium, Ochanomizu Christian Center, Tokyo (February 5, 6 2018).

"*The Virtual Ekklesia (or iKlesia?): Living faithfully as the church in a mediated world,*" University of Tulsa, Welch Lectures, Tulsa OK, February 9, 2015

"Christ-followers in the Network Society: Loving the Other in Mediated Contexts." Biola.Digital Conference June 6, 2013

"Ecclesiology, Ethnography, And Missiology In The Network Society: Following Jesus In A World Mediated By Technology," May 14, 2013, Ecclesiology and Ethnography annual meeting, Luther Seminary.

Plenary Speaker at the *Annual Brehm Lectures*, held Oct. 31, 2012 in Pasadena, CA, I presented "Following Jesus into the Network Society"

Respondent to Soong Chan-Rah, Fuller SIS Annual Missiology Lectures, November 8th, 2012.

Plenary Speaker at the *Association of Theological Schools Presidential Leadership Intensive Week*, held Dec. 8, 2011 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I presented "Where is Technology Taking Us?"

Plenary Speaker at the *The Seventh Annual Consultation on the Missional Church*, at Luther Seminary, Nov. 4-5, 2011. I presented "Following Jesus in Contemporary Culture, Faithful Living in a World Mediated by Technology."

Plenary speaker at *Central Baptist Seminary's Spring Conference* (April 11 and 12, 2010), "The Church in a Virtual Age: A Conference on Technology and Ministry." I presented three lectures, "Following God in a Facebook Age", "Being the Church in a Virtual Age", and "Living in a Participatory Culture".

Plenary Speaker at the *Association of Theological Schools Presidential Leadership Intensive Week*, held Dec. 7-11, 2008 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I presented "The Church in Participatory Culture: Implications for Seminaries".

"Emerging Church and the Future of the Seminary," *ATS SPAN Conference*, Orlando, 2008.

"How (Not) to Speak of the Church: An *Emerging/Emergent* Ecclesiological Conversation in a Postmodern World", with Veli-Matti Karkkainen and Peter Rollins, at the Yale conference on *Ecclesiology & Ethnography: Exploring the Emerging Conversation Between Theology & Congregational Studies*, Sept.27-29, 2007.

"A Missional Theology for Evangelical Seminaries – A Discussion Paper," with Mark Lau Branson, *Allelon Missional Schools Project*, Dallas, Feb 21-23, 2007.

"Transitions in Church Growth: Towards a Postmodern Church Growth Paradigm," paper, *American Society of Church Growth Annual Meeting* (2006).

"A History of Emerging Churches", paper, *S3K/Emergent Dialog*, hosted by Synagogue 3000, Stephen M. Cohen (Hebrew Union College) and Wade Clark Roof (UCSB), co-presenters; January 16, 2006.

"Donald McGavran and the Emerging Church," Paper, *American Society of Church Growth, Annual Meeting* (2004).

"Making the Transition: The English Church In Postmodernity", Paper, *Association for the Sociology of Religion, Annual Meeting* (2001).

Attended AAR, Chicago, San Francisco, November 2008, 2011.

Dissertation

"Jesus For And Against Modernity: Practice-Redemption As Missiological Response To The Rules Of The Modern Powers", Fuller Seminary 2003. Mentor: Wilbert R. Shenk Committee Members: William Dyrness, Eddie Gibbs.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Allelon Mission to Western Culture Project/Thinktank (2006).
 Missional Seminary project with Allelon (2007-2008).
 Board of Reference of "A Call to an Ancient Evangelical Future", Spring 2006.

SEMINARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Committee Work

Admissions Committee, Fall 2017-present
 D. Miss Committee Fall 2017-present
 Academic Restructuring Ad-Hoc Committee (Group of 8), Spring 2017
 Faculty Senate Spring 2017
 SOT Deans Council Winter 2016-17
 Business Model Task Force Winter 2016-17
 Integrative Studies Curricular Chair, Spring 2015-Spring 2017
 Operations Council Winter 2016
 Faculty Senate (2006-2008, Spring 2014, May-June 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2017)
 Church Planting Task Force (2011-2016)
 Faculty Technology Group (2008-2014)
 SIS Faculty Development sub-committee (2008-2016)
 Educational Model Task Force (2012-2013)
 SIS Program Review (2011-2013)
 Masters Program Committee (2009-2012)
 SIS Division Chair (2009-2012)
 HSR committee for the PhD program, (2011-2012)
 Department Review Process (2011-2012) with Mignon Jacobs and all other division chairs
 Academic Restructuring Committee (and ART II), (Sp-Su 2009)
 Senate Subcommittee responsible for academic courses and programs (2007-2008).
 Chair of the MA committee (2006-2008).
 MA committee (2003-2008).
 Brehm Center Institute for the Study of the Emerging Church (2003-2013).
 SIS faculty meeting (2002-2012).
 Joint Faculty meeting (2002-2013).
 Arthur Vining Davis classroom technology working group (2006-2007).
 Academic integrity group in Spring 2006.
 SIS Assessment committee (2005-2006).
 "Taking Fuller to the World", a three year DVD project (2004-2006).
 Flag committee task force (2004-2005).
 Horner Center's Director's team (2002-2005).
 Academic Director of the MAGL (2002-2005).
 MAGL committee (2002-2005).
 Restaurant Theology Group (2002-2005).

Occasional Service

Lead Instructor, IS Training Workshop, August 31-September 25, 2015
 Course Designer and Lead Instructor, IS Training Workshop, a 4wk, 40 hour course for Fuller Professors, June 15-July 12, 2015
 Military chaplaincy task force for three months, Jan-Mar 2011.
 Faculty sponsor of Fuller Creation Stewards, a student group committed to living green and caring for creation, 2011.
 Discussion with Sherwood Lingenfelter and various faculty regarding vision, October 2007.
 "Micah 6:8," Fuller Chapel, May 16, 2007.
 iTunes U Executive Seminar Jan. 11, 2007.
 SWOT/Context Analysis for Provost's Council, Jan. 9, 2007
 ATS Technology and Education conference, August 2004.

Speaking Engagements

"Response to Kool" SIS 50th Anniversary (October 21, 2015)

"Response to McIntosh" SIS 50th Anniversary (October 23, 2015)
 "Welcome to Fuller" panel for Spring 2015 new student orientation , March 27, 2015
 "Comments" a talk to honor graduates at doctoral breakfast, June 12, 2014
 "A night to honor Phyllis Tickle", March 6, 2014, 101 Payton.
 "Pastoral Care through Technology" to Fuller Chaplains, May 7, 2013.
 Scripture reader and Prayer leader, Fuller Chapel service, October 31, 2012
 "A second night to honor Eddie Gibbs", October 9, 2012, co-convenor of Eddie Gibbs retirement party,
 University Club.
 "A night to honor Eddie Gibbs", April 20, 2011, co-convenor of Eddie Gibbs retirement party, University Club.
 Fuller Desert Forum, "Following God in a Facebook Age", Palm Springs, March 19, 2010
 "Emerging Church and Youth Ministry," CYFM , January 9, 2007.
 "Future of the Seminary", at Fuller Charette, April 2006
 Dean's Advisory Council, December 2006
 To Donors, New Year's Day, Jan 2, 2006.
 Dean's Advisory Council, 2005
 Fuller Board of Trustees, Sept. 13, 2005.
 Connect conference for Extension Leaders, Summer 2005
 Extension Directors Seminar, Spring 2005
 Alumni gathering , Seattle, Winter 2005.

Guest Lectures Fuller

Lecturer, *Miscellaneous Missiological Topics*, DMiss Seminar 1, May 10, 2018
 Lecturer, *Miscellaneous Missiological Topics*, DMiss Seminar 1, Dec 1, 2017
 Lecturer, *Miscellaneous Missiological Topics*, DMiss Seminar 1, Dec 6, 2016
 Lecturer, *Church in Post-Christendom*, MI804C, Amos Yong, Feb. 18, 2015
 Lecturer and panel respondent, "Gospel After Christendom", in Oscar Garcia-Johnson's Theology course,
 January 23, 2013.
 Guest lecturer for Foundations class -- Mark Lau Branson and Dick Peace/Kurt Fredrickson (several times)
 Annual lecturer for Nancey Murphy (three times).
 "New forms of Emerging Worship" for Clay Schmidt's worship course, November 23, 2011.
 Guest lecturer for Bobby Clinton
 Guest lecturer for William Dryness
 Guest lecturer for Bob Freeman
 Guest lecturer for Eddie Gibbs (a few times)
 Guest lecturer for Ron Hannaford
 Guest lecturer for Mark Hopkins (twice)
 Guest lecturer for Veli-Matti Karkkainen (twice)
 Guest lecturer for Roberta King
 Guest lecturer for Alan Roxburgh/Mark Lau Branson, Doctor of Ministry program. Guest lecturer for Wilbert
 Shenk (at least ten times)
 Guest lecturer for Chuck Van Engen

Guest Lectures Outside of Fuller

Guest lecture "Q and A on the Emerging Church" for Emerging Church class, Philip Clayton, professor, Claremont
 Graduate School, Dec 15, 2015.
 Guest lecture, "Introduction to Emerging Churches", Caltech Economics of Religion class, March 8, 2010.

Popular Writing

"Ways Forward for Western Evangelicals" in *Fuller Magazine*, Issue # 2, 2015, <http://fullermag.com/ways-forward-western-evangelicals/>

Landres, J.S., and R.K. Bolger. 2007. "Evangelical-Jewish Dialogue: The Emerging Conversation." *Sh'ma* 37/638
 (May), 11.

Landres, J.S., and R.K. Bolger. 2006. Objevující se duchovní paradigmaty, DINGIR, [Emerging spiritual
 paradigms] (in Czech).

"Lesslie Newbigin and the Church in the 21st Century", Nov. 6, 2006
<http://www.24-7prayer.com/cm/articles/784>

"Why Emerging Churches are Nonviolent", in *Next Wave* February 2006.

Ryan Bolger CV 05/2002

<http://www.the-next-wave-ezine.info/issue86/index.cfm?id=9&ref=ARTICLES%5FEMERGING%20CHURCH%5F156>.

“Please No More Doing Church for Them”, in *Next Wave* November 2005.

<http://www.the-next-wave-ezine.info/issue83/index.cfm?id=6&ref=ARTICLES%5FMISSIONAL%5F92>.

“Brian McLaren is the Real Thing” in *Next Wave*, September 2005.

<http://www.the-next-wave-ezine.info/issue81/index.cfm?id=4&ref=ARTICLES%5FEMERGING%20CHURCH%5F53>.

“On Emergent”, in *Next Wave*, in August 2005.

<http://www.the-next-wave-ezine.info/issue85/index.cfm?id=8&ref=ARTICLES%5FTHE%20BEST%20OF%202005%5F135>

Popular Speaking

“Response to Kevin Kelly’s *What Technology Wants*” for SCCS (Southern Calif Christians in Science) Winter Conference, Feb 27, 2016.

“Fake it til you make it — living as God’s people when you haven’t a clue how to go forward” (Act 2:42-47) February 8, 2015, guest preacher at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa OK, 9am and 11am (Stephenson Hall)

“The American Mission Field” February 8, 2015, Fireside Conversation with Dr. Scott Sunquist, First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa OK

Guest Speaker at Monthly Musings at Monte Vista Grove Retirement Home, April 3, 2014. Spoke on “Trends in The American Church since the 1960s: Mainlines, Megachurches, Monastics, and The Mediated Ones...”

Plenary Speaker at San Diego Presbytery Leadership Day, January 26, 2013. Two lectures given “Gospel after Christendom” and “Church in the Age of Facebook”.

Plenary Speaker, “The Missional Church in Postmodern Culture” at Santa Barbara Mission Conference. The theme of the conference was the Missional Church, January 16, 2010.

Beyond e-vandalism, response to Pete Rollins, Hollywood SDA, March 2, 2009

Co-hosted “Theology Pub”, with Nadia Bolz-Weber, AAR, November 2008.

Fuller Alumnae Covenant Group, “The Church and Web 2.0”, October 25, 2008

Fuller Rabbi-Pastor dialogue at Leo Baeck Temple, June 6, 2007.

Congregational Transformation class (for Rabbinic students), University of Judaism, May 1, 2007.

Northwest LA Vineyard Area Pastors meeting, Jan. 24, 2007

Faith Forward – Crystal Cathedral. Jan. 23, 2007

blah! Tour, July 14-18 2006.

CMS Annual Retreat, July 19, 2006.

Alt. Worship Retreat, July 20-21, 2006.

“Modernity and Christendom,” National Pastor’s Convention, February 20-21, 2006.

Guest lecture, APU, Dec. 9, 2005.

College Briefing, Forest Home, Sept 2, 2005..

FAITH IN PRACTICE

Consultant to OC Register article on Asian-American Churches, Jim Hinch author, December 13, 2012

Spoke on Emerging Churches on the show Top3, JCTV, TBN, Dec. 12, 2008.

Weekend Today Show March 4, 2007, brief in-studio TV interview on emerging churches.

Featured in an ABC TV documentary, “Changing Face of Worship” which aired in December 14, 2003.

Southern California Public Radio, March 2, 2006, “Airtalk with Larry Mantle”

Southern California Public Radio. March 2003 “Talk of the Town” with Kitty Felde.

Washington Post, April 4, 2006, quoted in “Blackboard Blogging”

Los Angeles Times (twice)

Associated Press (October 2005)

Served on core leadership team, church plant, “The Table”, Altadena, 2014-2015.

Served as a co-leader of the Youth Ministry at First Presbyterian Altadena Church (2006-2012).

Served as elder at First Presbyterian Altadena (2011-2012).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Missiology

Faith and Technology

Pedagogy

Emerging Churches
Spirituality