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EDUCATION

PhD, Higher Adult and Lifelong Education (2015). Michigan State University.
Lansing, MI.

Argue, S. (2015). *Supporting undergraduate spirituality; College-related factors Evangelical Christian students perceive as affecting their working through spiritual struggle while attending a public university*. Dissertation. Michigan State University.

MDiv (1996). Trinity International University. Deerfield, IL.

BBA (1988). University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI.

EXPERIENCE

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA (2015 – Present)

Awarded Tenure (2020)

Associate Professor- Youth, Family, Culture; School of Theology (2018)

Assistant Professor- Youth, Family, Culture; School of Theology (2015)

Applied Research Strategist- Fuller Youth Institute

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood SSEA

Religion and Spirituality Topic Network Co-Chair (2023 – present)

Association of Youth Ministry Educators (2017– 2021)

Board Member. AYME Conference VP (2019).

Mars Hill Bible Church, Grandville, MI (2009 – 2015)

Pastor and Theologian-in-Residence, Life Development Director, Ministry Leadership Team Member

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI (2004-2009)

Executive Director, Contextual Learning Center (2004 – 2009)

Adjunct Professor of Youth Ministries (2004 – 2015)

Intersect, Inc., Grand Rapids, MI

Cofounder and President (2003 – 2013)

Sonlife Ministries, Elburn, IL

Co-Director (2002 – 2003)

Elmbrook Church, Brookfield, WI

Associate Pastor – High School Ministry (1994 – 2001)

Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, IL

Employee Benefits Consultant (1989 – 1994)

FUNDED PROJECTS

Lilly Endowment, Young Adult Project. Primary-Investigator. Five-year funding for \$1.25 million from 2022-2025 to study Young Adults and Congregations. Fuller Youth Institute.

Lilly Endowment, Young Adult Project. Co-Investigator. Five-year funding for \$1.5 million from 2017-2022 to study Young Adults and Congregations. Fuller Youth Institute.

Lilly Endowment, Young Adult Project. Co-Investigator. Three-year funding for \$750,000 from 2015-2018 to study adolescents and Congregations. Fuller Youth Institute.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS + PANELS

Fuller Theological Seminary Integration Symposium. Seven Transitions Emerging Adults Experience: And How They Want Adults to Accompany Them. February 2024.

Campus Crusade Lectures. Hong Kong. Lectures and training on emerging adults and faith. October 2023.

Fuller Missiology Lectures. Fuller Theological Seminary. Co-presenter. Evangelism Next: Evangelism in a Post-Christendom Era. October 2023.

Association of Youth Ministry Educators. Annual Conference. Co-Plenary Speaker. Paper respondent. October 2022.

Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Sint-Jansbergsesteenweg 97 | 3001 Leuven | Belgium. *Innovating Christian Practices to Form an In-Motion Generation.* October 20, 2021.

Association of Youth Ministry Educators. Plenary Session. Facilitated discussion on *Young People on the Margins.* October 17, 2021.

Forming Youth through Engagement in Holistic Christian Practices. Presentation with T. Greenway & C. Roose. Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference, October, 2019.

Intersecting Realities: Race, Identity & Culture. Panel participant with Hak Joon Lee, Daniel Lee, Kirsten Oh, and Janette Hur Ok. May 23, 2019.

Identity, Belonging, and Purpose as Lenses for Empathizing with Adolescents Presentation with T. Greenway & C. Roose. Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference, October, 2018.

Reel Spirituality screening of *Social Animals.* Panel participant/respondent, October 2018.

Youth Ministry: Fueling an Entrepreneurial Vision to Support Emerging Generations Where They Need Us Most. Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference. Fall, 2018.

Getting Warmer: What Growing Young Research on the Importance of Relational Warmth Reveals About Churches' Self-Assessment With Implications for Future Youth Ministry Practitioners. Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference. Fall, 2017.

Undergraduate Spiritual Struggle and the Quest to Remain Faithful. Association of Youth Ministry Educators Conference. Fall, 2017.

Payton Lecture Respondent to Kenda Dean. *An Entrepreneurial Vision for Young People and the Church.* Fuller Theological Seminary, Spring 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Argue, Steven. 2022. *Millennial Clout: Generational Stylings of Contemporary Christianity* (pp. 207-219). In Lamport, Mark A, ed. *The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook of Contemporary Christianity in the United States.* The Rowman & Littlefield Handbook Series. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.

Argue, Steven. 2022. *Young Adult Ministry Now: A Growing Young Guide.* Fuller Youth Institute. Pasadena, CA.

Argue, Steven, and Caleb Roose. *Sticky Faith Innovation: How Your Compassion, Creativity, and Courage Can Support Teenagers' Lasting Faith.* Pasadena, CA: Fuller Youth Institute, 2021.

Powell, Kara E. & Steven C. Argue. *Growing With: Every Parent's Guide to Helping Teenagers and Young Adults Thrive in Their Faith, Family, and Future.* Baker Publishing. Grand Rapids, MI. 2019.

Argue, Steven C. & Kara E. Powell. *Eighteen Plus: Parenting your twentysomething,* Orange/Rethink Pub. 2018

Clark, Chap. *Adoptive Church: Creating and Environment Where Emerging Generations Belong.* Baker Academic. *Forward.* Grand Rapids, MI. 2018

Argue, S. (2015). "Rethinking Church Strategies and Structures." In *A Call to Adoption.* Clark, C. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Roose, C., Greenway, T. and Argue, S. "Forming Youth through Engagement in Holistic Christian Practices." *Journal of Youth Ministry.* Fall 2020.

Argue, Steven C., and Tyler S. Greenway. "Empathy with Emerging Generations as a Foundation for Ministry." *Christian Education Journal* 17, no. 1 (April 2020): 110–29. doi:[10.1177/0739891319899666](https://doi.org/10.1177/0739891319899666).

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Argue, Steven C. Unsettling Youth Ministry: The Value of Cross-Cultural Perspectives- Submission to *Journal of Youth Ministry* - Peer Review. Fall, 2018

Argue, S. & P. King. (Fall, 2017). *Joy on Purpose: Joy, Meaning Making, and Flourishing for Young People*. Youth Ministry Institute. Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Adolescent Faith and Flourishing Program.

Argue, S. (2017). *Where do Twenty-Somethings Fit in our World Today?*, Fuller Magazine, Issue 7.

ONLINE COURSES

Argue, S. *Certificate in Youth Discipleship*. Fuller Equip. Spring/Summer 2024.

ONLINE ARTICLES/PUBLICAITON

Argue, S. "Two mantras for young adult ministry now." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. May 10, 2023.

Argue, S. "3 ways to start seeing young adults in your church." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. September 27, 2022.

Argue, S. "3 moves youth leaders should make during graduation season." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. April 28, 2022.

Argue, S. "Graduation count downs and count ups." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. May 5, 2022.

- Argue, S. "Help for young adult ministry leaders who feel stuck in the middle." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. March 16, 2022.
- Argue, S. "We need young adult ministry now." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. February 25, 2022.
- Argue, S. "For youth leaders, spring is fall." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. April 22, 2021.
- Argue, S. "For youth leaders, Spring is Fall." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. February 25, 2021.
- Argue, S. "Lent's invitation to parents." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. April 20, 2020.
- Argue, S. "Looking back to look forward." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. January 1, 2020.
- Argue, S. "Innovating our way forward with compassion, creativity, and courage." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. November 18, 2020.
- Argue, S. "Family holiday conversations: Ask better questions and talk about what really matters." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. November 11, 2020.
- Argue, S. "Sticky faith innovation." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. October 8, 2020
- Argue, S. "Pandemic Parenting." *Fuller Youth Institute* [Online]. April 20, 2020.
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- Argue, S. (2010). "Moving beyond the 'Don'ts' of Sex," *Group 36* (3).
- Argue, S. (2010). "Between the Lines," *Group 36* (2).
- Argue, S. (2010). "Reframe the Job Description," *Group 36* (1).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2009). "Holidaze." *Group 35* (6).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2009). "September 2010," *Group 35* (5).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2009). "Mirrors," *35* (4).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore. "From Mission Trips to Missional Living," *Group 35* (3).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2009). "Face the Race." *Group 35* (2).
- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2009). "Youth Ministry's Image Problem." *Group 35* (1).
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Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2008). "Reframe the Job Description." *Group* 34(5).

Argue, S. (2008). "Deep." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2008). "Infidelity." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2008). "God Talk," *Group* 34 (4).

Argue, S. (2008) "Where Am I?" *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2008). "Enter." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2008). "Exit," *Group* 34 (3).

Argue, S. (2008). "Exhaustion." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2008) "Missional Being," *Group* 34 (2).

Argue, S. (2008). "Called. Wanted. Appointed. Sent." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2008). "Changing Change." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2008) "Speaking Out," *Group* 34 (1).

Argue, S. (2008). "Reflections." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "Converting Conformity," *Group* 33 (6).

Argue, S. (2007). "Enter." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2007). "Dear Volunteer," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "What's So Amazing about Youth Group?" *Group* 33 (5).

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Argue, S. (2007). "Superhuman?" *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "There's No 'u' in Missions," *Group* 33 (4).

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Argue, S. (2007). "Going beyond Superhuman." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "Moving beyond Image toward Imagination," *Group* 33 (3).

Argue, S. (2007). "Forgetting Students." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2007). "I Can't Listen When I'm Talking," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "'Guide': The New Leader," *Group 33* (3).

Argue, S. (2007). "Check-ups Prevent Check-outs." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2007). "Unplug to Reconnect." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2007). "Can I Have a Do-over?" *Group 33* (2).

Argue, S. (2007). "Knowing Nothing Is Everything," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2007). "Leading by Invitation." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2006). "Saddened over Youth Ministry's Battle Cry." *Journal of Student Ministries* 1 (4).

Argue, S. (2006). "Tell Me a Story." *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "The Great Invitation." *Group 32* (7).

Argue, S. (2006). "Suffering from Parentnoia?" *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "God of the Past, Future, and Ever-Present." *Group 32* (6).

Argue, S. (2006). "You Don't Believe in Volunteers," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2006). "Called and Sent Volunteers," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2006). "Volunteers Are Good for Nothing," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "Beverly Hills, That's Where I Want to Be," *Group 32* (5).

Argue, S. (2006). "Retreating from Summer into Fall," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S. (2006). "Short-Term Mission, Long-Term Vision," *Inside Track*.

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "Summertime Blues," *Group 32* (4).

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Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "The Longest, Deepest Time of Year for Youth Ministry," *Group 32* (3).

Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2006). "New Year's Resolution: Be Amazingly Average," *Group 32* (2).

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- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2005). "Taking Storytime to the Mat." *Group 31*, (3).
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- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2004). "Modification, Formation, Reformation." *Group 30* (5).
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- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2004). "The Follower's Prayer." *Group 30* (3).
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- Argue, S., and D. Livermore (2003). "Hey Youth Group! This Is My Body." *Group 29* (5).
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