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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D., Sociology October 1993
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation: *Conformed to this World? The Cultural Patchwork of New Evangelicals*

M.A., Sociology May 1989
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

B.A., Sociology May 1987
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida

Graduate, Basic Course of Study June 2008
United Methodist Church
Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia

Employment

Associate Professor, Sociology August 2000 – Present
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia

Pastor September 2013 – Present
Mount Tabor United Methodist Church, Armuchee, Georgia

Director, Wesley Foundation September 2013 – Present
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia
(Appointment by the United Methodist Church)

College Chaplain & Pastor May 2002 – July 2011
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia

Director, Center for Teaching Excellence May 2001 - June 2002
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia

Assistant Professor, Sociology August 1993 - August 2000
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia

Director, Freshman Center May 1995 - June 1998
Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia

Visiting Instructor, Sociology August 1989 - May 1993
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant, Sociology August 1987 - May 1989
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Awards

Carol O. Willis Award for Outstanding Advising, 2014

Voice of Berry Award, 2002

Eleana M. Garrett Award for Meritorious Advising and Caring, 2001

Outstanding Faculty Award (Finalist), Berry College, 2001

David Morsey Award for Best Biblical Exegesis, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* (for the ethnography, "Congregational Re-Mapping of Culture Wars"), 1998.

Retention Excellence Award, Noel-Levitz National Center for Student Retention, 1998

Outstanding Freshman Advocate (Semi-Finalist), National Resource Center for The Freshman Year Experience and Students in Transition, 1997

Outstanding Faculty Award (Recipient), Berry College, 1995

Outstanding Faculty Award (Finalist), Berry College, 1994

University of Illinois Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (Recipient), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992 (awarded to six graduate students university-wide)

College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award (Recipient), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992 (awarded to six graduate students college-wide)

List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (awarded five times between Fall 1988 and Spring 1992)

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1987-88

Professional Activity

Sullivan Fellow for Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship, 2014-2015

Co-Director, United Way Campaign at Berry College, 2002

Chair, Faculty Assembly, 2000-2001

Coordinator, Department of Sociology, 1994-1996, 1997-2000

Coordinator, Freshman Seminar, 1995-Present

Editor-in-Chief, *The Christian Sociologist* (formerly *The Christian Sociological Society Newsletter*), 1994 - Present

Associate Editor, *The Christian Sociological Society Newsletter*, 1993-1994

Arrangements Chair, 20th Annual Conference of ACTS (Association of Christians Teaching Sociology), June 5-8, 1996

Co-Director, Fifth Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, and Community. Special Theme: Religion and the 2000 Election, Berry College, March 15, 2001.

Co-Sponsor, Fourth Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, and Community. Special Theme: Leadership and Civil Society for the New Millennium, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, February 17, 2000.

Co-Director, Third Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, and Community, Berry College, March 9, 1999

Co-Sponsor, Second Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, and Community. Special Theme: Religion and the American Experiment, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia, March 5, 1998

Co-Director, Inaugural Conference on Politics, Religion, and Community. Special Theme: Communitarianism and Civil Society, Berry College, October 17, 1996

Workshop Organizer, "Classroom Uses of the MicroCase Curriculum Plan," Social Science Expo, Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, Maryland, March 12, 1998

Workshop Organizer, "Classroom Uses of the MicroCase Curriculum Plan," Berry College, March 27, 1998

Invited Workshop Co-leader, "Developing a Computer-Based Social Science Curriculum," MicroCase Corporation, Seattle, Washington, July 10-11, 12-13, 1998

List Owner/Manager, SSREL-L (Scientific Study of Religion List), February 1998 - Present

Peer Reviewer, *Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies*, 1998

Peer Reviewer, *Cultural Anthropology*, MicroCase Corporation, 1997

Books

McConkey, Dale and Peter Augustine Lawler, eds. 2003. *Faith, Morality, and Civil Society*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

Lawler, Peter Augustine and Dale McConkey, eds. 2001. *Faith, Reason, and Political Life Today*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

McConkey, Dale and Peter Augustine Lawler, eds. 2000. *Social Structures, Social Capital, and Personal*

Freedom. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Lawler, Peter Augustine and Dale McConkey, eds. 1998. *Community and Political Thought Today*. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

McConkey, Dale. 2001. "Wither the Culture War? The Effects of Religious Orthodoxy on Cultural Attitudes," 1988 - 1998. *Sociology of Religion*.

McConkey, Dale. Forthcoming. "Holy Books, Not Pocketbooks: Religious and Cultural Influences on the 2000 Election." In *Faith, Morality, and Civil Society*.

McConkey, Dale. 2000. "Religion, Social Capital, and the Significance of Community." In *Social Structures, Social Capital, and Personal Freedom*.

McConkey, Dale and Peter Augustine Lawler. 2000. "Introduction." In *Social Structures, Social Capital, and Personal Freedom*.

Hickman, John and Dale McConkey. 1999. "Race, Politics, and Gun Control: Showdown at the Georgia General Assembly." *Comparative State Politics*, 20 (5): 3-11).

McConkey, Dale. 1998. "A Congregational Re-Mapping of Culture Wars." *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* 10:49-66.

Lawler, Peter Augustine and Dale McConkey. 1998. "Introduction." Pp. xi - xiv in *Community and Political Thought Today*.

McConkey, Dale and John C. Hickman. 1997. "Deus ex Voter Guide: The Effect of the Christian Coalition on the 1996 State Primaries." *Comparative State Politics* 18 (4):13-21.

Hickman, John C., Dale McConkey, and Matthew A. Barrett. 1996. "Fewer Sightings in the National Press: A Content Analysis of UFO News Coverage in the New York Times, 1947-1995." *Journal of UFO Studies* 6:213-225.

Grants

McConkey, Dale. 1997. Lettie-Pate Evans Technology Grant, Berry College, to purchase a laptop computer for classroom presentations using computer-based data analysis. Funded Amount: \$2,500.

Other Professional Writings

McConkey, Dale. 1994. "Review of James Davison Hunter's *Culture Wars: The Struggle to Define America*." *Christian Sociological Society Newsletter* 18:4.

McConkey, Dale, (ed.). 1995-98 (four editions). *The Red Book: The Official Guide to Surviving and*

Thriving at Berry College. Mount Berry, GA: Berry College Printing Services. (sole editor in 1995, 1996, and 1997. Katherine Powell assisted with 1998 edition)

Thirteen essays in *The Red Book* for Freshman Seminar, 1996-1998

Three devotionals in *The Christian Sociologist*:

“On Knowing, Loving, and Serving God” 18 (1):3

“Case Studies in Faith and Prayer” 23 (1):1

“The Process of Seeking” 22 (3):1

Presentations

McConkey, Dale. 2016. “Developing a Social Impact Incubator at a Small College.” April 9, Panel presentation at the 2016 Sullivan Foundation Faculty Summit. Raleigh, NC.

McConkey, Dale. 2015. “Jesus and His Super Best Friends: South Park’s Cultural Construction of Christ as an Archetype for All Religion.” April 3, Presented at the National Conference of the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association. New Orleans, LA.

McConkey, Dale, and Greg Robins. 2014. “Redeeming Zombies: Contrasting Conceptions of Human Sin and Christian Salvation in *I Am Legend* and *Warm Bodies*.” April 18, Presented at the National Conference of the Popular Culture Association and American Culture Association. Chicago, IL

McConkey, Dale. 2007. “Power Lust: The Rocky Relationship between Religion and Democracy.” Presented at the 10th Annual Conference on Politics, Religion, Culture, and Community.” April 17, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA.

McConkey, Dale, Laurie Chandler, and Mary Elizabeth Tyler. 2007. “Ministry in the Name of Whom? Community Service at a Faith-Based College.” Presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. April 12, Atlanta, GA

McConkey, Dale. 2000.”Looking for Love (and Community) in All the Wrong Places: Response to Ehrenhalt.” Presented at the conference on Religion and the American Experiment, February 17, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA.

McConkey, Dale. 2000.”The Outrageous Idea of Christian Sociology: A Brief Introduction.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Christians Teaching Sociology, June 8, Lee University, Cleveland, TN.

McConkey, Dale. 1998.”Strategies for Incorporating Data Analysis into Independent Student Projects.” Presented at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association, August 23, San Francisco, CA.

McConkey, Dale. 1998. “When Hippies Worship with Fundies: A Congregational Re-Mapping of ‘Culture Wars’ and Other Sociological Dualities.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 3, Atlanta, GA.

McConkey, Dale. 1998.”Does the New Religious Order Threaten Traditional Faith? A Response to Guth.” Presented at the conference on Religion and the American Experiment, March 5, Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, GA.

McConkey, Dale. 1997. "Religion as Cultural Patchwork: Insights from a Nonliberal, Nonconservative, Nonmoderate Congregation." Presented at the annual meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, October 31, Huntsville, AL.

McConkey, Dale. 1997. "Retention Research Potpourri." Presented at the National Conference on Retention, July 12, Washington, D.C.

McConkey, Dale. 1997. "Developing a Freshman Center at a Small Liberal Arts College: Promising Pay-offs and Potential Pitfalls." Presented at the National Conference on The Freshman Year Experience, February 25, Columbia, SC.

McConkey, Dale. 1996. "Religion, Social Capital, and the Significance of Community." Presented at the conference on Communitarianism and Civil Society, October 17, Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia.

McConkey, Dale. 1996. "Christian Sociological Perspectives on Inequality and Change." Discussant at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (co-sponsored with the Christian Sociological Society), April 14, Richmond, VA.

McConkey, Dale and Christopher Horne. 1996. "What Fuels the Culture War? The Effects of Religion, Politics, and Individualism on Traditional Family Values." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, June 7, Berry College, Mount Berry, GA.

McConkey, Dale. 1992. "Are Evangelicals Becoming Worldly?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, June, Mount Vernon, OH.

McConkey, Dale. 1991. "A Fourth Sociological Perspective? Interpretive Interactionism and the Christian Sociologist." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Christians Teaching Sociology, June, Northfield, MN.

Detman, Linda, Virginia Husting, and Dale McConkey. 1990. "The Formation of a Small Group." Presented at the annual meeting of the Gregory Stone Symposium, St. Petersburg Beach, FL.

McConkey, Dale. 1988. "The Interactional Foundations of Social Organization." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Nashville, TN.

Courses Taught

Self and Society (Symbolic Interactionism)
Christian Theology
Introduction to Sociology
Sociology of Religion
Social Construction of Reality
Politics, Religion, Freedom, and Authority
Community
Social Theory
Contemporary Social Theory
Social-Science Research Methods
Social Inequality: Race, Class, and Gender
Criminology (team-taught)
Social Problems

Sociology of the Family
Understanding Language Literacy (team-taught)
Cultural Anthropology
World Religions
Advanced Statistical Analysis
Social Statistics
Freshman Seminar

Institutional Service

Evans School Ad-Hoc Committee on Classrooms and Technology
President's Cabinet (2002-2008)
President's Executive Council (2007-2011)
Religion-In-Life Advisory Council, Chair (2002-2011)
QEP Committee (2007-2008)
Student Life Council (2002-Present)
Community Service Council (2006-Present)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Sociology, Chair (2001-02)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Anthropology (2007-08)
General Education Task Force (2 years, 2002-04)
Writing Across the Curriculum Committee (2001-02)
Crisis Council (2002-05)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Anthropology (2001-02)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Sociology, Chair (2001-02)
Faculty Search Committee, Women's Studies, Chair (2001-02)
Faculty Assembly Executive Committee, Chair (2000-01)
Planning Council (3 years, 2000-04)
Family Studies Task Force Chair (1998-99)
Student Retention Task Force, Chair (1995-96)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Anthropology, Chair (1997-98)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Sociology, Chair (1998-99)
EHSS Ad Hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluations (1998)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Anthropology (1996-97)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Political Science (1996-97)
EHSS Faculty Search Committee, Communications (1998)
Academic Standards Committee (3 years, 1995-98)
Institutional Research Advisory Committee (3 years, 1995-98)
Orientation Advisory Committee (3 years, 1995-98)
Student Life Council (5 years, 2002-03, 1994-98)
Bonner Scholars Advisory Committee (4 years, 1995-99)
Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Committee (1995-96)
Kellogg Grant Committee (1995-96)
Academic Computing Advisory Committee (1994-95)
Teaching Enhancement Commission (2 years, 1994-96)
Freshman Class Advisor (3 years, 1995-98)
Krannert Center Activities Board Advisor (1995-1996)
Council of War (Chess Club) Advisor (1994-1995)
Sociology Honor Society Advisor (1998)
Panelist for Career Development Center's Graduate School Roundtable (2 years, 1993-1995)

Atlanta Open House participant (3 years)

Academic Advising (1994-2001)

Social Science Interviewer/Judge, Governor's Honors Program, Floyd City School District (1995)

Berry Representative, Bonner Scholar Faculty Retreat (1995)