

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal

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Work

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Education

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary (D.Min.) Major Areas: Christian Spiritual Formation, Spiritual Nurture Systems	1989
Harding University Graduate School of Religion (M.A.R.) Major Area: New Testament Minor: Psychology	1984
Harding University (B.A.) Major Area: Biology Minors: Bible, Psychology	1977

University Teaching Experience

Courses Taught at Abilene Christian University:

Foundations for Urban Missions
Introduction to Domestic Church Growth
Fundamentals of Spiritual Nurture
Developing New Churches
Organic Church Planting
Culture and Evangelism in North America
Growth Strategies for Established Churches
The Ministry of Redemption (Evangelism)
Campus Evangelism
Christian Worship
Christianity in Culture
Message of the Old Testament

Ministry Experience

Missions Coordinator for North America, Abilene Christian University 1991-2009
Founding Minister, Mission Church of Christ, Abilene, Texas 1998-2001
Founding Minister, Abilene Mission Church, Abilene, Texas 1991-1992
Preaching Minister, Oakhill Church of Christ, Janesville, Wisconsin 1984-1990
Minister of Evangelism, Elmwood Church of Christ, Lafayette, Indiana 1980-1984
Minister of Youth, O'Fallon Church of Christ, O'Fallon, Missouri 1977

Other Mission Related Work/Research Experience

Designed and directed the first five years of ACU's Missionary Residency for North America (MRNA), a two-year graduate internship in organic church planting. 2004-2009.

Co-founded, with John White, *LK10*, a social network and community of practice for church planters in North America and beyond. March 2008.

Planned and coordinated the Church Planting Track at ACU's annual Lectureship, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009.

Initiated and coordinated the Church Planter's Network from 2003 through 2007.

Collaborated in designing and implementing a comprehensive plan to significantly increase church planting in the USA and Canada as a member of ACU's Church Planting Task Force for North America. January 2003 through 2006.

Convened the Church Planters focus group for ACU's Ministry Summit, April, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.

Served on the continental leadership team for the Dawn Coaching Network. 2005, 2006, 2007.

Conducted field research for North American church plantings and trained field researchers in:

Northeast: Maryland, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire,
New York

Southeast: Virginia, North Carolina

Midwest: Wisconsin, Illinois

Northwest: Washington, British Columbia

Southwest: Texas, Hawaii

Worked with ACU trained missionaries to establish new churches in:
Chicago, Illinois; Kona, Hawaii; Boston, Massachusetts; New York City, New York; Jersey City, New Jersey; Guadalajara, Mexico; Abilene, Texas (4); Charlotte, North Carolina; Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Coordinated the Abilene Christian University Missions Mentoring Program. Missions personnel mentor graduate/undergraduate missions students each academic year. 1995-2006.

Coordinated annual Foundations Retreat for all ACU Missions faculty and students. 1995-2003.

Designed, tested and implemented use of the 16 Trait Inventory as an assessment tool for ACU missionary students, 1994. Subsequently revised the inventory in collaboration with Dr. Tim Sensing for use in the GST, 2001.

Initiated, in collaboration with Dr. Tom Patten and Dr. Sonny Guild, the ACU Church Planter Assessment Center (CPAC) in 1998, the Preliminary Missionary Assessment Center (PreMAC) in 1999, and with Dr Guild and Dr. Tim Sensing, the Preliminary Ministry Assessment Center (PreMAC) in 2001. Continue to co-direct CPAC and PreMAC annually with Dr. Sonny Guild.

Served as member of the editorial board for the Journal of Applied Missiology, 1991-95.

Served as member of Spiritual Director's Consultation at ACU since 2004.

Served as the Supervisor for ACU's Study Abroad Program for Oxford, England, May-December 2002.

Publications

Smith, Kent, Stan Granberg and Gailyn Van Rhee. ed. "The Mission Field Next Door: A Status Report on North American Missions." *Leaven*. 15,3 (Fall 2007) 121-126.

Smith, P. Kent. *Centered*. Abilene: Jesus Family Network, 2006.

Smith, Kent. "Simple Churches: Q. and A. With ACU's Kent Smith and Harding's Marvin Crowson." *Christian Chronicle*. Online Edition. July, 2006.

Smith, P. Kent. "The Exodus Movement of the 1960s." *Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2005.

Smith, P. Kent. Review of *Church Planting: Laying Foundations*, by Stuart Murray. In *Restoration Quarterly*. 2004.

Smith, Kent, Andrew Parris and Don Pope. "The Lean Church." *Regent Business Review*, January, 2004. Republished in *Christianity Today's Faith In The Workplace* at FaithInTheWorkplace.com, 2006.

Smith, P. Kent. *Finding Gladness*. (Booklet) Abilene: Mission Church Resources, 2001.

Smith, P. Kent. *The Story of the Bible: An Overview*. (Booklet) Abilene: New Life Resources, 1997.

Smith, P. Kent. "Field Selection: Setting Criteria in North America." *Journal of Applied Missiology* 3 (April 1992): 23-30.

Smith, P. Kent. "Making Community." *Image*. 7:5 (September/October 1991): 18-19

Workshops and Presentations (1996-2009)

Christian Scholar's Conference: Topic: "The Practice of Congregational Ministry in the Postmodern Ethos." Paper: "Deepening Delight: Reclaiming Church as Economy of Grace." Nashville, Tennessee, June 27, 2009.

Singapore and Malaysia Equipping Seminar: "Your Kingdom Come: Joining the Story, the Party, the Mission of God." Singapore and Malacca, Malaysia, June 12-21, 2009.

HIM Mission Focus: "The Spontaneous Mission of the Church." Assisting John White. Abilene, Texas, May 14-16, 2009.

Urban Immersion: "An Experience in Missional Living for the Missionary Residency for North America." In collaboration with Jim and Cathy Mellon, Kester and Rachel Smith, Russell and Suzanne Simpson. Waco, Killeen, and Austin, Texas. April 9-12, 2009.

Halbert Institution for Missions Training Module 2. "Kingdom Relationships." In collaboration with Halbert staff. Brownwood, Texas. October 17-19, 2008.

Abilene Christian University Summit: "Kingdom Life Remixed." In collaboration with John White and Jared Looney. Abilene, Texas. September 22,23,24, 2008.

Leadership Pre-session, National House Church Conference. "Introducing LK10: A Community of Practice for Simple Church Planters." Dallas, Texas. August 29, 2008.

Mexican Missionary Retreat: "Intimacy, Identity and the Missionary." Guadalajara, Mexico. June 2-9, 2008.

Urban Immersion: "An Experience in Missional Living for the Missionary Residency for North America." In collaboration with Tony and Felicity Dale, Kester and Rachel Smith, Russell and Suzanne Simpson. Austin, Texas. April 3-6, 2008.

Teachers of Mission Workshop. "Mission in Theological Education." In collaboration with Dr. Christopher Flanders. Irving, Texas, February 22-23, 2008.

New York City and Boston Church Planter's Retreat. In collaboration with Dr. Tom Wymore. New York, January 10-14, 2008.

Boston Church Planter's Workshop. In collaboration with Marvin and Judith Crowson. Boston, Massachusetts, November 15-18, 2007.

Memphis and Abilene Church Planter's Retreat. Weatherford, Texas. October 25-29, 2007.

Halbert Institution for Missions Training Module 2. "Kingdom Relationships." In collaboration with Halbert staff. Brownwood, Texas. October 12-14, 2007.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships. "Church Planter's Café" and "Coaching for Church Planters." Abilene, Texas, September 17-19, 2007.

National House Church Conference. "The Centered Life." Class. Dallas, Texas, September 1, 2007.

Dawn Coaching Network: National Consultation. In collaboration with the N.A. Leadership Team. April 26-29, 2007.

ACU Ministry Summit: "Pathways Into Kingdom Community: A Progress Report." In collaboration with Chadd Schroeder and Ben Cheek. Abilene, April 19-21, 2007.

Urban Immersion: "An Experience in Missional Living for the Missionary Residency for North America." In collaboration with Tony and Felicity Dale, Greg Willis and others. Austin, Texas. March 15-18, 2007.

Harding University Workshop. "Joining Jesus." Searcy, Arkansas, December 1-3, 2006.

Central Mexico Missionary Retreat. "Spiritual Care and the Missionary." Guadalajara, Mexico. November 20-26, 2006.

Hill Country Fellowship Weekend Workshop. Austin, Texas, October 21-22, 2006.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships. "Joining Jesus: Aligning Our Lifestyles for Love." Church Planting Workshop with Jimmy Adcox, Jared Looney, Rafael Rosario, and Chadd Schroeder, Abilene, Texas, September 18-20, 2006.

National House Church Conference. "Vibrant Families of Jesus: What it will take." Class. And "Bands of Brothers and Sisters: Learning from Texas Churches." With Neil Cole. Plenary Address. Denver, Colorado, September 2, 2006.

Leadership Pre-session, National House Church Conference. "What Are Vibrant Families of Jesus?" Denver, Colorado, August 31, 2006.

International Missions Invitational. "North American Church Planting Initiatives." With Mike Steele and John White, Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 21-4, 2006.

Retreat with Ken Stade and the MetroSoul leadership team. "Developing Missionary Resource Teams." Manhattan, New York, July 13-15, 2006.

Dawn Coach Training for Texas. "The Basics of Simple Church Coaching." With Tom Wymore. Austin, Texas, June 8-10, 2006.

Pepperdine University Lectureships, "Approaches to Church Planting in North America." Panel. Malibu, California, April 2-6, 2006.

Urban Immersion: "An Experience in Missional Living for the Missionary Residency for North America." In collaboration with Bob Carleton, Greg Willis and the Emerging Church Network. Austin, Texas. March 17-19, 2006.

International Dawn Consultation on the Global Mission. With the Dawn North America team. Johannesburg, South Africa. February 18-28, 2006.

Dawn Coaching Network Training. With Tom Wymore and the Dawn North America team. San Antonio, Texas. January 8-13, 2006.

Organic Church Planter's Greenhouse. With Dr. Paul Kaak. North Richland Hills, Texas. December 16-18, 2005.

Organic Church Planter's Greenhouse. With Neil Cole, Dr. Paul Kaak, and Scott Wilson. Abilene, Texas. November 4-6, 2005.

World Missions Workshop: "Training Options for Church Planting in North America." With Dr. Stan Granberg, Marvin Crowson and Robbie James. Searcy, Arkansas, October 14-16, 2005.

National House Church Conference: "The Character and Theology of the American Simple Church Movement." Plenary session interview with Dr. Tony Dale and Neil Cole. Denver, Colorado. September 4, 2005.

Organic Church Planter's Greenhouse. With Neil Cole, Karen Smith. Guadalajara, Mexico. August 8-12, 2005.

Steamboat Springs Church of Christ: "Pathways to Incarnational Community." Steamboat Springs, Colorado. July 15-17, 2005.

Texas Regional Forum on the Simple Church: "A Vision for Saturation Church Planting in Texas." San Antonio, TX. April 9, 2005.

Urban Immersion: "An Experience in Missional Living for the Missionary Residency for North America." In collaboration with John Berryhill, Bob Carleton and the Emerging Church Network. Austin, Texas. March 5-7, 2005.

Teachers of Missions Workshop: "Churches in the 21st Century," and "The North American Church Planting Initiative at ACU." Irving, Texas. February 26, 2005.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships: "Expressions of the Emerging Church." With Chris Flanders and Mark Hopkins, and "ACU's North American Church Planting Initiative," with Dr. Mark Love. Abilene, Texas. February 21, 22, 23, 2005.

Urban Missions Conference: "House Churches as a Church Planting Strategy." New York City, New York. October 21-24, 2004.

DAWN Texas Consultation: "The Texas Harvest Force: A Report on Growing Churches." With Karen Smith. Winsboro, Texas. May 21,22, 2004.

Tulsa Soul Winning Workshop: "America Needs More Churches." With Dr. Mark Love. Tulsa, Oklahoma. March 26, 2004.

Teachers of Missions Workshop: "Mission Overview For North America: 2004." Dallas, Texas. February 28, 2004.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships: "Renewal Through Reproduction: What Kinds of New Churches?" and "American Church Planters Answer Your Questions." Panel with Paul Faulkner, Ike Graul, and Sam Tumlinson. February, 23, 25, 2004.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships: "North America: Reaching for Community." With Dr. Paul Faulkner. Abilene, Texas. February 20, 2001.

World Mission Workshop: "North America: Reaching the Unreached in 2000." Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada. October 19-21, 2000.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships: "North America: Reaching the Unreached in 2000." Abilene, Texas. February 22, 2000.

Ironton Christian Church: "Building Basic Christian Community." Ironton, Ohio. July 15-16, 1999.

Orchard Street Church of Christ: "Building Basic Christian Community." Tacoma, Washington, June 25-26, 1999.

Teacher of Missions Workshop. "Church Planting: Toward a Shared Understanding of the Issues." Facilitator. Irving, Texas, February 26-27, 1999.

Northwest Guadalajara Church of Christ: "Developing the Spiritual Nurture System." Seminar, Guadalajara, Mexico. September 21-25, 1998.

Highland Church of Christ: "Good Grief: Learning to Love Again." Workshop with Dr. Waymon Hinson. February 14, 1998.

Abilene Christian University Lectureships: Annual class on Domestic Missions. February 1998, 1997, 1996.

Homewood Church of Christ: "Finding God, Finding Life," Spiritual Formation Workshop, University Center Retreat, Birmingham, Alabama. October 24-26, 1997.

Abilene Mission Church: Faith Sharing Seminar, Abilene, Texas. July 25-26, 1997.

World Wide Youth Camps: Staff Orientation Retreat, Dallas, Texas. April 25-27, 1997.

Abilene Mission Church: Spiritual Nurture Retreat, Sweetwater, Texas. April 18-20, 1997.

World Wide Youth Camps: Staff Orientation Retreat, Nashville, Tenn. April 11-13, 1997.

Abilene Mission Church: Faith Sharing Seminar, Abilene, Texas. March 28-30, 1997.

Restoration Forum: "What Remains to Be Restored?" Milwaukee, Wisconsin. November 11-12, 1996.

Western Canada Annual Men's Retreat: "Spiritual Foundations for Evangelism in Canada," Salmon Arm, British Columbia, October 15-17, 1996.

Consulting: (1997-2009)

MRNA Graduates Consultation. Chicago, Illinois, July 23-26, 2009.

Kingdom Leadership Retreat for Halbert Missionaries. Brownwood, Texas. April 24-26, 2009.

Consultation: "Spiritual Direction for Church Planters." With Randy Harris, Dr. David Wray, Dr. Jackie Halstead, Tod Vogt. Abilene, Texas, March 25, 2009.

Heights Church of Christ: "Becoming Missional." Houston, Texas, March 13-14, 2009.

LK10 Retreat for Regional Leaders. In collaboration with John White and Tod Brown. Brownwood, Texas, January 29-February 1, 2009.

The Mega/Micro Roundtable: A Consultation for Collaboration between the Mega and House Church Movements. Orlando, Florida, January 21-23, 2009.

Halbert Institution for Missions Training Module 4. “Church Planter’s Assessment Center for Thailand and Russia Teams.” In collaboration with Halbert staff. Brownwood, Texas. December 17-20, 2009.

Consultation with LEI president, Dave Logozzo, on the Lean Church. Lean Enterprise Institute, Boston, MA, November 20, 2008.

Consultation with University of Texas at Arlington Campus Ministry Board. In collaboration with Sonny Guild and Gary Green. Abilene, Texas, November 14, 2009.

Consultation with Steve and Chrissy Holt on their work in Boston. Boston, MA, November 19-24, 2008.

Consultation with John White, Tod Brown, and the Fellowship of Home Churches, Denver, Colorado. November, 11-13, 2008.

Lima, Peru Team Consecration. In collaboration with the Halbert team. College Station, Texas. August 15-16, 2008.

Consultation with Southern Hills Church of Christ on launching a new house church ministry in Abilene. August 3, 10, 2008.

Consultation with Mark and Katrina Willis on their beginning work in Chicago. Chicago, Illinois, July 13-17, 2008.

Kingdom Leadership Retreat for Halbert Missionaries. Brownwood, Texas. May 12-14, 2008.

Missions Retreat for the Golf Course Rd. Church of Christ. In collaboration with Dr. Sonny Guild. Brownwood, Texas. April 9-10, 2008.

Field research and consultation for church planting with Nicodemus Mount. Oahu and Hawaii, March 11-21, 2008.

Church Planter's Assessment Center: Mission Team for Lima, at Brownwood, Texas. December 17-20, 2007.

Consultation with the International Dawn Research Team. “Organic DAWN Research in North America.” Barcelona, Spain, May 5-11, 2007.

Consultations with church planters in Memphis, TN., Boston, MA., New York, NY., Madison, WI., Albuquerque, N.M. July 1-August 1, 2006.

Consultation with the Leadership and Missions Committee of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ concerning a saturation church planting vision for West Texas. May 21, June 29, October 8, Midland, Texas, 2006

Consultation with the Dripping Springs Church on the nature of simple church, Dripping Springs, Texas, May 12, 2006.

Consultation with MetroSoul, the Manhattan Church of Christ, and the Bronx Fellowship of Christ on development of organic church networks in New York City. New York, June 4-12, 2005.

Consultation on behalf of Dawn, North America with organic church leaders in Irving, Austin and Abilene on developing coaching networks for church planters in Texas. June-August, 2005.

Consultation with the board of the Texas and Gulf Coast Bible Institute on approaches to church planter training among Hispanic Americans. July 16-17, 2004.

Conducted research on the Texas Harvest Force, surveying growing churches and networks across Texas for a Christian coalition committed to the DAWN (Discipling A Whole Nation) vision. March and April, 2004.

Church Planter's Assessment Center: Mission Teams for Africa, New York City, at Buffalo Gap, Texas. March 7-9, 2001 pro bono

Preliminary Ministry Assessment Center, ACU M.Div. and Missions Majors, Lueters, Texas. February 8-10, 2001. pro bono

Church planting consultation for Austin, Texas. Abilene, Texas, September 2, 2000. pro bono

Preliminary Missionary Assessment Center, ACU Missions Majors, Lueters, Texas. December 14-16, 1999. pro bono

Portland Urban Mission Project (PUMP) Church planting consultation, Portland, Oregon. November 19, 1999. pro bono

Church planting consultation for Singapore. Abilene, Texas, July 12-13, 1999. pro bono

Preliminary Missionary Assessment Center, ACU Missions Majors, Lueters, Texas. May 12-14, 1999 pro bono

Church Planter's Assessment Center: Christian Church and ACU Missions Majors, Lueters, Texas. January 7-10, 1998 pro bono

Missions Resource Network implementation committee. Abilene, Austin, Texas August-December, 1997. pro bono

Church Planter's Assessment Center: Christian Church Consultation, Clearwater, Florida October 19-23, 1997 pro bono

Church Planter's Assessment Center: Vancouver Team, Hawley, Texas. June 16-20, 1997 pro bono

North Charlotte Church of Christ, Charlotte, North Carolina. May 22-26, 1997. pro bono

New Life Church of Christ, Gaithersburg, Maryland. February 1-4; May 18-21, 1997. pro bono

Other Research

Smith, P. Kent. Spiritual Nurture Systems: A Model for Human Wholeness. Disquisition. University of Dubuque. Dubuque, Iowa, 1989.

Other Leadership Roles

Served on the board of directors for Pregnancy Resources of Abilene. 2005, 2006, 2007.

Served on the board of trustees for the Jesus Family Network, a non-profit resource group for organic church planting in North America. 2004-2009.

Professional Organizations

Evangelical Missiological Society

Society of Biblical Literature

Awards and Honors

Named Outstanding Missions Coordinator by the Abilene Christian University
College of Biblical Studies, May 2000.

Winner of the Toastmaster's International Speech Contest at the club, area, division,
and district levels.

Selected to Outstanding Young Americans and Who's Who in American Christian
Leadership.

Professional Development: Workshops, Meetings Attended (1996-2009)

Christian Scholar's Conference. Nashville, Tennessee, June 25-27, 2009.

Teacher's of Missions Workshop. Arlington, Texas. February 27-28, 2009.

Church Planting Movements Seminar with City Team, Arlington, Texas, October 15-
17, 2008.

Halbert Institute for Missions Retreat, Abilene, Texas, March 29, 2008.

House2House Consultation on the State of the Simple Church Movement, Austin,
Texas, May 10-12, 2006.

Graduate School of Theology Curriculum Retreats, Abilene, Texas, April 7, May 8,
2006.

Cerney—Smith Coach Certification Training, Abilene, Texas, March 31-April 1,
2006.

Halbert Institute for Missions Retreats, Noodle, Texas, March 24-25, Abilene, Texas,
May 8, 2006.

Mission Alive Theology for Church Planters with MRNA students and Leonard
Allen, Ft. Worth, Texas, December 12-14, 2005.

Church Multiplication Associates Summit for Greenhouse Trainers, Long Beach,
California, December 6-10, 2005.

Dawn Continental Coaching Network, Denver, Colorado, October 2-8, 2005.

Seek the Future: Summit on Church Planting in North America, sponsored by Kairos.
St. Louis, Missouri, September 15-17, 2005.

Organic Church Leadership Summit, Long Beach, California, April 24-28.

National House Church Conference, Denver, Colorado, September 3-5, 2004.

Consultation with House Church Network leaders on networking in the
organic/simple church movement. Denver, Colorado, September 2, 2004.

Hope Network Conference, San Antonio, Texas, February 7, 2004.

Texas Dawn Consultations, October 23-25, 2003 and February 5-6, 2004.

Intensive Organic Church Planter's Greenhouse, Dallas, Texas, October 10-12, 2003.

Spiritual Formation Retreat, Laity Lodge, Texas, Sept. 17-19, 2003.

National House Church Conference Dallas, Texas, August 29-31, 2003.
Dry Bones Turf Tour and Ministry Survey, Denver, Colorado, July 10, 2003
Conference on spiritual renewal among churches of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee,
February, 2003.
Consultation on Celtic Christian approaches to mission, Lindisfarne Island, UK
October, 2002.
Conference on Mental Health and Missions, Angola, Indiana, November, 2000, 2001.
National Campus Ministry Seminar, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, August 2-4, 2001.
Association for Case Teaching, Basic and Advanced Institutes, San Francisco,
California, June 24-July 1, 2001.
Teachers of Missions Workshop, Dallas, February 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000,
2001.
Developing Dynamic Youth Cells, Glen Rose, Texas, August 11-12, 2000.
Consultant Training, Natural Church Growth, Portland, Oregon, November 18-19,
1999.
Cell Church Leadership Training, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, October 27-29, 1999.
Cell Church Leadership, Touch Ministries, Las Cruces, New Mexico September 24-
25, 1999.
Alpha Evangelism Workshop, Akron, Ohio, March 19-21, 1998.
Missions Resource Network Task Group, Dallas August 4, 1997; Abilene, December
6, 1997.
Mission Strategy Conference I, II, III, IV, Abilene, 1996, 1997, 1998.