

Jon Boyd, PhD

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Education

Johns Hopkins University

Doctor of Philosophy (May 1999)

Master of Arts (May 1994)

Specialization in American intellectual history, with additional study in American religious, social, cultural, political, and landscape history and in early modern English religious and social thought.

Dissertation: "This Holy Hieroglyph: Providence and Historical Consciousness in George Bancroft's Historiography." Advisor: Dorothy Ross.

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Master of Arts, magna cum laude (June 1991)

In Hebrew Bible and Semitic Languages, with specialization in biblical historical literature.

Thesis: "'Sing an Old Song to the Lord': 1 Chr. 16:8-36, the Psalter, and the Chronicler's Historiography." Advisor: John Sailhamer.

University of Michigan

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude (April 1988)

With highest honors in history. Thesis: "'God's Book, Man's Book': A Prospect on William Rainey Harper's Biblical World." Advisor: David Hollinger.

Selected Academic Honors

Dissertation Fellow, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University (1996–97)

Participant, Mellon Foundation Seminar in the Humanities, Johns Hopkins University (1994)

Research/Teaching Assistantships, Johns Hopkins University (1991–96)

Gleason Archer Award (1991), TEDS, for best Master's thesis in Hebrew Bible

John A. Williams Prize (1988), University of Michigan, for best Honors thesis in American History

Power Scholarship Finalist (1988), Universities of Michigan and Cambridge, England

Phi Beta Kappa (1987)

College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Merit Scholarship (1986)

Hopwood Underclassmen Essay Award (1985)

Slater Merit Scholar (1984–88)

Professional Development

InterVarsity Press (2012–)

Associate Publisher & Academic Editorial Director

(January 2022 –)

Academic Editorial Director

(August 2017–December 2021)

Associate Academic Editorial Director

(July 2016–August 2017)

Digital Communications Manager

(July 2012–July 2016)

North Park University (2009–2012)

Director of Communications

(August 2011–July 2012)

Director of Digital Communications

(January 2011–July 2011)

Director of Enrollment Communications

(August 2010–January 2011)

Online Media Manager, Admissions

(February 2009–July 2010)

Adjunct Professor

(2006, 2010)

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (May 2001–February 2009)**Associate Director, Graduate & Faculty Ministries (GFM)**

(May 2003–February 2009)

Web Producer, Information Services

(May 2003–June 2007)

Program Director, Following Christ 2002

(May 2001–May 2003)

Encyclopædia Britannica and Britannica.com (1999–2000)

Senior Editor, Editorial Production Management (August–November 2000)

Story Editor, History & Humanities (from April 2000)

Online Editor, History (from September 1999)

Assistant Editor, History (from June 1999)

Catalog Management & Monographic Acquisitions Library Aide, Northwestern University Library (1998–99)

Freelance Researcher, *Oxford English Dictionary*, Oxford University Press (1998–1999)

Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins University (1992-93, 1993)

Language Skills

Reading and some speaking knowledge of French; reading knowledge of biblical Hebrew, classical and koine Greek, and biblical Aramaic; and limited reading knowledge of classical Latin.

Selected Software Skills

Expertise or proficiency in current Microsoft Office applications; Adobe InDesign and Acrobat; FileMaker Pro, including script development; content-management systems including Sitecore, WordPress, and Movable Type; Mac OS X and Apple iOS and apps; and many others. Proficiency with Windows and Windows versions of these and similar applications. Expertise in HTML and competency in CSS, PHP, and XML (including RSS).

Publications

Academic

"The Gospel Truth." Essay in a special review section on *Providence Forms a Nation in the Womb of Time*, by Steven J. Keillor. *Fides et Historia* 47, n° 1 (Winter/Spring 2015): 166–73.

"Windy City," *Encyclopedia of Chicago*, Newberry Library and Chicago Historical Society (University of Chicago Press, 2004), 882.

Review of *Religious Advocacy and American History*, ed. Bruce Kuklick and D. G. Hart. *Fides et Historia* 29, n° 3 (Fall 1997): 87–89.

Non-Academic

Monthly columnist and occasional contributor, "Book Marks," *Current*, currentpub.com.

"With Love." Review of *Blankets: A Graphic Novel*, by Craig Thompson. *Seen Journal* 16, n° 1 (2016): 19.

Review of *The Warmth of Other Suns*, by Isabel Wilkerson. *North Parker* 72, n° 2 (Summer 2012): 25. Extended version, <http://www.northpark.edu/northparker/21>.

"Taking Social Media Seriously." Newsletter of the School of Business and Nonprofit Management, North Park University, November 2010.

Review of *Brewing Justice*, by Daniel Jaffee. *Ethix*, April 16, 2010 (Issue 69), <http://blog.spu.edu/ethix/2010/04/16/brewing-justice-by-daniel-jaffee/>.

"The Loss of Brown's Woods: A Letter to Scott Russell Sanders." Review of *A Conservationist Manifesto*, by Scott Russell Sanders. *The Common Review* 8, n° 3 (Winter 2010): 42–44.

"Slow and Slower." Review of *The Wild Trees*, by Richard Preston, and of *Dirt*, by David R. Montgomery. *The Common Review* 6, n° 2 (Fall 2007), 44–46.

"Emperor Henry VII: 'Sole Ruler of the World.'" *Christian History*, n° 70 (Spring 2001): 35–36. Also available online at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ch/2001/002/10.34.html>.

Numerous feature stories on historical and cultural topics, published at Britannica.com, 1999–2000.

"If We Ever Needed the Lord Before." *Books & Culture* 5, n° 3 (May/June 1999): 40–42. Also available online at <http://www.christianitytoday.com/bc/9b3/9b3040.html>.

Editor and printer, [*A Six-Year Diary in Four Seasons*]. 4 vols. Chicago: The Octothorp Press, 1999.

Editor and printer, *Lore of Pipeweed and Other Wisdom: A Complete Compendium of References to Leaf, From the Pages of J.R.R. Tolkien's The Lord of the Rings, With a Supplement Drawn from The Hobbit*. Chicago: The Octothorp Press, 1998.

"The Oriole." *Baseball Research Journal* 24 (1995): 15–16.

"Olympic Glory—and After: Eric Liddell." In *More Than Conquerors*, ed. John Woodbridge, 222–26. Chicago: Moody Press, 1992.

Academic & Professional Presentations and Teaching

Commentator for a panel, "Professors, Prisoners, and the Polis: Engaging the Past in the Public Square," at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Pepperdine University, Malibu, Calif., September 27, 2014.

- “Why I Left Higher Ed—And Why You Should Stay,” presentation at the annual conference of the HighEdWeb Association, Milwaukee, October 2012. <http://8to.me/heweb12pst>.
- “How to Break Things Really Good,” presentation at the annual conference of the HighEdWeb Association, Austin, October 2011. <http://8to.me/highedweb>.
- “Website Principles for the Rest of Us,” half-day workshop at the Axelson Center for Nonprofit Management, North Park University, December 2, 2010.
- “Strategies and Tactics for Facebook, Twitter, and Social Media,” graduate course, School of Business and Nonprofit Management, North Park University, Chicago, Fall 2010.
- “Must-Have Technologies for Nonprofits,” presentation at the Axelson Symposium, North Park University, Chicago, May 13, 2010.
- “Mistakes Your Ministry Can Avoid on Facebook and Twitter,” seminar at the annual Midwinter Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Denver, January 27, 2010.
- “Getting Started Making Online Videos,” presentation at the annual conference of the HighEdWeb Association, Milwaukee, October 5, 2009.
- “The Elements of Twitter Style,” presentation at the annual conference of the HighEdWeb Association, Milwaukee, October 5, 2009.
- “Christians, History, and the Environment: A Response,” presentation at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio, September 19, 2008.
- “Providentialism and Christian Historiography,” presentation to the History Club, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga., November 5, 2004.
- Commentator for a panel, “The Search for a Christian Interpretation of History,” at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Hope College, Holland, Mich., 15 October 2004.
- “Who Says? Musings on Anonymity in Scholarship,” paper as part of a panel on “Historiography As If the Incarnation Really Mattered,” presented at the conference, “Christianity and the Soul of the University,” Baylor University, Waco, Tex., 26 March 2004.
- Commentator for a panel, “On the Morality of Providential History,” at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Huntington College, Huntington, Ind., 12 October 2002.
- “Classical Historicism and George Bancroft’s Providentialism,” paper as part of a panel on “Divine Languages and Human Authority in the Origins of Academia,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Church Historians / American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., 8 January 1999.
- “German Historicism in the American Republic: The Providential Nationalism of George Bancroft’s Historiography,” paper as part of a panel on “Dilemmas of Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century Historiography,” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, Harpers Ferry, W.Va., 17 July 1998.
- Review of *Religious Advocacy and American History*, ed. Bruce Kuklick and D.G. Hart, paper presented at the Notre Dame Colloquium on Religion in American History, University of Notre Dame, 4 February 1998.
- “‘The Slowly Ripened Fruit of Providence and of Time’: Historicism and Providentialism in George Bancroft’s Historiography,” paper presented at the Pew Fellows Conference, Yale University, 2

May 1997.

“Antebellum American-History Schoolbooks and the Subjective Reading of Providence,” paper presented at the annual conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing, American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Mass., 18 July 1996.

“German Historicism in the American Republic: The Providential Nationalism of George Bancroft’s Historiography,” paper presented at the History Graduate Student Conference, Universität Bielefeld, Germany, 24 May 1996.

“‘An Animating Confidence’: The Politics of Providence in George Bancroft’s Historiography,” paper presented at the Indiana Association of Historians Annual Meeting, Indiana University, Bloomington, 2 March 1996.

“‘The Slowly Ripened Fruit of Providence and of Time’: Historicism and Providentialism in George Bancroft’s Historiography,” paper presented to the American Seminar, Johns Hopkins University Department of History, 13 December 1995.

“‘Thy Pious Heart Wilt Deeply Feel’: Providence and Historical Consciousness in Antebellum American-History Schoolbooks,” paper presented to the American Seminar, Johns Hopkins University Department of History, 6 May 1992.

Selected Recent Volunteer Service & Teaching

Christian Formation Ministry Team Leader, Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago (2015–2017).

Chair, Church Council, Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago (2009–2012).

Chair, Pastoral Relations Committee, Grace Evangelical Church, Chicago (2008).

Member and vice chair, Church Council, Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago (2004–2007).

Founding member of the leadership team of an independent Christian small group (2001–2011).

Worship band member, City Vineyard Christian Church (1999–2001).

Secretary, senior-pastoral search committee, City Vineyard Christian Church (1999–2000).

Member, Board of Directors for cooperative residential corporation (Central-Bennett West, Inc.): Secretary (1997-98), President (1998–99).

Associate Dean of Humanities, planning committee for 1998 national conference, “Following Christ: Shaping Our World,” InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Faculty & Graduate Student Ministries (1997-99).

Member, steering committee for adult-education class, Sunday Morning Seminary, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston (1997–99).

Campus Volunteer, Northwestern University Graduate Christian Fellowship, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (1996-98).

Non-Academic Teaching and Presentations:

“Course Correction,” guest sermon on 1 Samuel 25 at Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, July 12, 2009.

“The One Rule of Blogging,” with Ann Boyd, workshop seminar for Interfaith Worker Justice’s Seminary Summer, June 10, 2008.

“The Spirit Speaks,” guest sermon on Acts 1:12–26 at Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, February 4, 2007.

“Higher Education,” campus-wide chapel sermon on Daniel 1–6, Covenant College, Lookout Mountain, Ga., November 5, 2004.

Chair of and participant in a panel, “Christians in Graduate School,” at the biennial meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Hope College, Holland, Mich., 14 October 2004.

“All Things in Common,” guest sermon on Acts 2:42–47 at Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, 23 May 2004.

“Contentment and Vision in an Academic Calling: Spiritual Formation throughout the Academic Life,” paper presented at the conference, “Christianity and the Soul of the University,” Baylor University, Waco, Tex., 26 March 2004.

“Christ Is Proclaimed,” guest sermon on Philippians 1:12–30 at Grace Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, 13 July 2003.

Teaching on the theological ideas of musician Bill Mallonee, University of Chicago Graduate Christian Fellowship, 10 May 2002.

“The Scandal of Particularity,” on Karl Barth, *Dogmatics in Outline*, chaps. 14-17, Sunday Morning Seminary (adult education), First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 19 April 1998.

Teaching on integrating faith and academic scholarship, University of Chicago Graduate Christian Fellowship, 17 October 1997.

“Psalm 119 and the Authority of Scripture,” Sunday Morning Seminary (adult education), First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 5 & 12 October 1997.

Three-week series on Matt. 6:9-13 (“Lord’s Prayer”), Open Harbor (adult education), First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, 26 January – 9 February 1997.

“Pray Where You Are” (teaching on Matt. 6:9-13), Northwestern University Graduate Christian Fellowship, 4 October 1996.

Teaching on Jonah and biblical exegesis, University of Michigan InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 25–27 March 1994.

Professional Memberships

Conference on Faith & History

Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing

References

Personal, academic, and professional recommendations are available upon request.

Personal information

Born in September 1966 in Evanston, Illinois. Married (October 2000) to Ann M. Boyd and father of Lucy and Rosie Boyd.

Interests

Etymology and lexicography, improvisational music, hiking, cartography & landscape history, historical fiction, electronic media, data graphics, baseball, brewing traditions, industrial design, typography, and mechanical typewriting.

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