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EDUCATION

2009 PH.D., THEOLOGY, ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS,
ST. ANDREWS, SCOTLAND

1999 M. DIV., WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

1996 B.A., HISTORY, NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE, ORANGE CITY, IOWA

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

2005-PRESENT HINGA-BOERSMA DEAN OF THE CHAPEL & VICE
PRESIDENT, HOPE COLLEGE, HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

The Hinga-Boersma Dean of the Chapel occupies an endowed vice presidential position that is responsible for overseeing the Christian life and formation of Hope College. Hope is a liberal arts college of 3,200 students and 750 employees. Primary responsibilities include working with the President and President's senior cabinet, Board of Trustees, and institutional strategic planning team; administering a voluntary chapel program with four worship services a week that involves preaching regularly in both chapel and the Sunday evening college service called The Gathering, leading and managing a professional ministry team of 10 people, and administering programs related to Christian formation in academics, worship, discipleship, missions and social justice outreach; overseeing departmental budgets and fundraising; nurturing pastoral relationships with students, faculty, and staff in an ecumenical context and in the greater Holland community; as well as public speaking and writing on behalf of the college and the church.

1999-2002

CHAPLAIN, NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE,
ORANGE CITY, IOWA

The chaplain at Northwestern College occupied a vice presidential administrative position responsible for leading a campus-wide spiritual life program. In this capacity, the chaplain oversaw daily chapel, local and international outreach efforts, student discipleship programs, teaching and faculty formation for the integration of faith and learning.

1999

ORDAINED AS PASTOR OF WORD AND SACRAMENT IN THE
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

The Preacher as Liturgical Artist: Metaphor, Identity, and the Vicarious Humanity of Christ, Lloyd John Ogilvie Institute of Preaching Series, Cascade Press, 2014.

CHAPTERS, ARTICLES AND ESSAYS

"Preaching in Context: Why the Liturgy Matters for the Pulpit in Late Modernity," a chapter for a forthcoming book in honor of Andrew Purves, InterVarsity Press.

"The Attic," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, July/August 2015.

"A Letter from Despondent University," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, July/August 2014, guest co-edited by Keith Starkenburg and Trygve D. Johnson.

"WWED? What Would Eugene Do?" in *The Pastoral Work: Critical Conversations with Eugene Peterson*, edited by Jason Byassee and L. Roger Owen, Cascade Press, 2013.

"The Great Tension," *Faith & Leadership*, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, January 2013.

"The Gravity of Grace," *Faith & Leadership*, Leadership Education at Duke Divinity, April 2011.

"On Keeping Vocational Fidelity: The Secret of Ebey's Landing," *Perspectives: A Journal of Reformed Thought*, January 2009.

Contributor to *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary*, edited by David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, Westminster John Knox Press, 2008.

"Blogging Toward Sunday" (a five part series), *Theolog: The Christian Century's Blog*, July-August 2008.

"The Altar Call of Hope," *Reformed Worship*, Issue #88, June 2008.

"Hope in Stained Glass," *Theolog: The Christian Century's Blog*, March 2, 2008.

"Voting for Eloquence," *Theolog: The Christian Century's Blog*, February 3, 2008.

Words of Hope Daily Reflections (a publication of Words of Hope Ministry, Grand Rapids, MI), December 1- December 31, 2005.

SELECT PREACHING & PLENARY INVITATIONS

- 2018 Vancouver School of Theology
- 2018 First Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C.
- 2018 Pepperdine University
- 2018 Bast Preaching Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2017 Plenary Preacher for Calvin Worship Symposium, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2016 Westmont College Chapel, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2016 Biola University Chapel, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 Plenary Preacher & Lecturer for *The Wee Kirk Conference*, Montreat, North Carolina
- 2016 Epworth Association, Ludington, MI
- 2015 Berry College, GA
- 2015 Taylor University Chapel, IN
- 2015 Bay View Association (A Chautauqua Community on Lake Michigan)
- 2015 Seattle School for Theology & Psychology
- 2014 Bethel College, TN
- 2014 Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California
- 2014 InterVarsity Headquarters, Madison, Wisconsin
- 2013 Staley Lecturer, Wheaton College, Wheaton IL
- 2013 Bay View Association (A Chautauqua Community on Lake Michigan)
- 2012 Baccalaureate Preacher, Hope College
- 2011 Preacher for General Synod, Reformed Church in America
- 2011 Calvin College Chapel, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2011 Duke Chapel, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2011 Plenary preacher, Calvin Worship Symposium, Grand Rapids, MI

- 2009 Preacher, Presidential Inauguration of Keith Anderson, President of Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA
- 2008 Plenary Preacher, Calvin Worship Symposium, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2008 Staley Lecturer, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL
- 2008 Duke Chapel, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2006 Conference Preacher, "Secularity and Globalization: What Comes After Modernity?" The Fifth Annual Lilly Fellows Program National Research Conference, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2004 Keynote Preacher, Bast Preaching Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2003 Guest Preacher, All Angels Episcopal Church, New York City
- 2002 Baccalaureate, Northwestern College, Orange City, IA

ACADEMIC PAPERS, CONFERENCES & LECTURES

- [2019] "Why the Church Needs Reformed Pastors!" Duke Divinity School
- 2018 "Leading like a Tree," Pepperdine University
- 2018 "Loving Your Neighbor," Christ in the City, Pillar Church
- 2017 "Missional Ministry to Millennials," Movement Day, NYC
- 2016 "Imagination: A Key to Unlocking Human Flourishing," AMDG Architecture Firm, Lecture Series
- 2016 "On Preaching the Historical Adam," Center for Pastor Theologians, Oak Park, IL
- 2015 "Preaching in Context: Why Liturgy Matters for Preaching in Late Modernity," Evangelical Theological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2015 "Preaching to the University," Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC
- 2014 Conference organizer and presenter, "The Pastoral Work: Critical Conversations with Eugene Peterson," Western Theological Seminary
- 2014 "Response to J.K.A. Smith's Cultural Liturgies," Center for Pastor Theologians, Oak Park, IL
- 2014 "Why Ministry in a Christian College Matters," Bethel College, McKenzie, TN
- 2014 "Assessing the Outcomes of Campus Chaplaincy," NetVUE Chaplaincy Conference, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 "Christian Formation within Campus Ministry," Oxford Conclave, Oxford, England
- 2014 "Renewing Cathedrals," keynote presentation given to the faculty, staff, and parents of Grand Rapids Christian Schools

- 2014 "Preaching for the Missional Church," Calvin Worship Symposium
- 2014 "The Preacher as Liturgical Artist," Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2014 "The Project: A Homiletic Vision for Late Modernity," Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2013 "Why Hope's Mission Matters," Hope College Board of Trustees
- 2013 "Whose Morality? Which Rationality," a response to Jim Brownson's Gender, Bible & Sexuality, Conversations with Critics Series, Hope College
- 2013 "Chapel Music," American Guild of Organists, Holland chapter
- 2013 "Ministry in a Secular Age," Pillar Church Lecture Series
- 2012 "A Difficult Task," American Guild of Organists, National Convention
- 2012 "Preaching and Imagination," Fuller Theological Seminary
- 2011 "Friendship on the Quad: Philippians on Campus," Calvin Worship Symposium
- 2011 "Character on the Campus," Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, Hope College
- 2011 "Renewing Cathedrals," Society for the Advancement of Ecclesial Theology
- 2011 "A Theology of Music," American Guild of Organists, Grand Rapids Chapter
- 2011 "Understanding Youth Culture," Sustainable Youth Ministry Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2011 "Ministry on the Quad: A Dean of the Chapel Perspective," CRC Rocky Mountain Classis, Colorado Springs, CO
- 2011 "Preaching Doctrine as Drama to a Performance Saturated Generation," Bast Preaching Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2010 "The Drama of Doctrine for Preaching," Society for the Advancement of Ecclesial Theology
- 2009 "The Preacher as Artist: Metaphor and the Vicarious Humanity of Christ," Bast Preaching Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2009 "The Preacher as Liturgical Artist: Narrative and Homiletic Identity," Christian Scholars Conference, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
- 2009 "Eschatology & the Christian Imagination," Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle WA
- 2008 "Worship on the Quad," Hope Academy of Senior Professionals, Hope College
- 2007 "The Homiletic Imagination," Bast Preaching Conference, Western Theological Seminary
- 2007 "Leadership Remixed," Northwestern College Leadership Conference

- 2006 "The Artist & the Preacher," Baylor University, The World and Christian Imagination Conference
- 2006 "The Leadership of A Prophet," Leadership Conference, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary.
- 2005 "Can Hope Endure? Yes & No!" Hope College Conference
- 2004 "The Power and the Glory: The Metaphor Distillery," Institute for Theology, Imagination, and the Arts, University of St. Andrews
- 2003 "A History of the Imagination," Calvin Summer Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2001 "Contemplation on the Quad," Association for Christians in Student Development

TEACHING

- 2018 "Preach it!" Religion 440, Hope College
- 2016 "Introduction to Preaching," Western Theological Seminary
- 2014 "Introduction to Preaching," Western Theological Seminary
- 2013 Bast Summer Fellowship Instructor
- 2013 "Imagining Faithfulness," Hope College Senior Seminar
- 2012 Bast Summer Fellowship Instructor
- 2012 "Introduction to Preaching," Western Theological Seminary
- 2011 "The Preacher as Liturgical Artist," Western Theological Seminary
- 2011 Bast Summer Fellowship Instructor
- 2008 "Missional Theology," Western Theological Seminary, Th.M. program
- 2008 "Introduction to Preaching," Mars Hill Graduate School, Seattle, WA
- 2007 "Christianity & Culture," Western Theological Seminary
- 2001 "Introduction to Christian Theology," Northwestern College

INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP

- 2018-present Steering Committee for Art and Faith Conference (Spring 2019) with Makoto Fujimura and the Brehm Cener, Fuller Theological Seminary, CA
- 2018 Campus Ministry Audit & Review, Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
- 2018 Campus Ministry Audit & Review, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
- 2017-present Advisor and Reader for IVP's Dynamics of Christian Worship series

2016-present	Steering \$11 million micro-campaign for "Christian Faith and Formation," Hope College (To date, \$8.5 million of our goal is raised)
2016	Campus Ministry Consultant, Pepperdine University, CA
2016	Campus Ministry Audit & Review, Berry College, GA
2014-present	Strategic Planning Steering Committee, "Hope for the World," Hope College
2013-present	Board Member of Renew Ministry: Therapeutic Riding Center
2011-2012	Board Member of The Au Sable Institute
2011	RCA Representative for Ecumenical Relations on Christian Unity
2011	Vision Team for Renewing Pillar CRC
2009-2013	Hope College Sexuality Programming Committee
2008-2010	High School Sunday School Teacher, Third Reformed Church
2008-present	Founder and Facilitator, Endowed World Christian Lectures Series, Hope College
2007-2010	Chair, Film and Faith Series, Hope College
2006-2007	Hope College Mission Committee (Drafted institutional mission statement approved by Board of Trustees in 2007)
2006	Chaplain for General Synod, Reformed Church in America
2005-2007	Hope College Strategic Planning Committee (Drafted comprehensive vision for institutional benchmarking and accountability)
2005-present	Bast Preaching Committee, Western Theological Seminary
2005-2012	Founder "Dead Preachers Society" (student group for the encouragement of Christian proclamation at Hope College)
2005-2012	Co-Chair, "Pre-Seminary Society," Hope College
2005-present	Hope College Student Affairs Committee (Board of Trustees)
2005-present	Veritas Forum Planning Committee, Hope College
2005-present	Hope College Administrative Council
2002	Chaplain for General Synod, Reformed Church in America
1999-2002	Assistant Baseball Coach, Northwestern College
1998	Western Theological Seminary Student Body President

HONORS

2012	Northwestern College Athletic Hall of Fame
2002-04	Calvin Worship Institute Fellow, 2002-2004
2001	Bast Preaching Scholarship (summer of study at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England)
1999	Preaching Prize, Western Theological Seminary
1998	President, Student Body, Western Theological Seminary
1996	Vanderstoep Award, Northwestern College (male student athlete of the year)
1996	Senior Award, Northwestern College (most outstanding male student)
1995, 1996	NAIA Academic All-American
1992	Washington State Scholar Award

PERSONAL INFORMATION

I am married to Dr. Kristen Deede Johnson, Professor of Theology and Christian Formation, Western Theological Seminary (B.A. in Political and Social Thought, University of Virginia; Ph.D. in Theology, University of St. Andrews) and together we have two children, Trygve David Johnson, Jr. (9) and Ella Arlene Karis Johnson (6), along with our dog Ebey. I am a native of the Pacific Northwest, having grown up on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound, where my parents continue to live. In the fall, I root for the Washington Huskies, Michigan Wolverines, and Seattle Seahawks; in the winter I cheer for Duke and Hope Basketball (my wife roots for UVA); and in the spring to early fall I follow the Seattle Mariners, Detroit Tigers, and Chicago Cubs. I value living and worshiping locally, working in meaningful institutions, cycling, painting, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends.

REFERENCES

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