

## Curriculum Vita

Name: Bland, Dave L.

Name of Spouse: Nancy Cochran Bland

Present Rank and Title:

Professor of Homiletics

Director of Doctor of Ministry Program

Teaching Experience:

2001- present	Harding University Graduate School of Religion	Professor
1993 - 2001	Harding University Graduate School of Religion	Associate Professor
1991-1993	Columbia Christian College	Associate Professor
1983 -1991	Columbia Christian College	Adjunct Professor
1990-1991	University of Oregon	Teaching Fellowship
1976-1980	Abilene Christian University	Instructor of Speech

Ministerial Experiences:

1997-present	White Station C. of C*	Memphis, TN	pulpit preacher (part-time)
1993-present	White Station C. of C.	Memphis, TN	deacon of youth
1990-1993	Eastside C. of C.	Portland, OR	Bible school teacher
1980-1990	Eastside C. of C.	Portland, OR	pulpit preacher (full-time)
1979-1980	Ira C. of C.	Ira, TX	preacher
1978-1980	Highway 36 C. of C.	Abilene, TX	youth minister

(\*C. of C. = Church of Christ)

Academic Preparation:

University of Washington	1987-1994	Ph.D.	Rhetoric
Western Baptist Seminary	1982-1985	D. Min.	Homiletics
Abilene Christian University	1976-1980	M.Div.	
Harding University	1975-1976	B.A.	Speech (Secondary Certification)
Harding University	1971-1975	B.A.	Bible

**Titles of Dissertations:**

Ph.D.: "A Rhetorical Perspective on the Sentence Sayings  
in the Book of Proverbs"

Doctor of Ministry: "Preaching from I and II Samuel"

**Additional Preparation Beyond the Above:**

- 2001 Case Study Institute in San Francisco (Summer of 2001)
- 1999 Certified to Administer the Prepare/Enrich Inventory
- 1997 Advanced Seminar for Interpreting the "Profiles of Ministry"  
instrument. Sponsored by ATS in Dallas, TX (Jan. 29-31)
- 1994 Certified by ATS in Pittsburgh, PA (Association for Theological  
Schools) to administer the "Profiles Of Ministry" instrument
- 1987 Continuing Education Course on Preaching the Parables with  
Tom Long at Princeton
- 1986 Workshop on Preaching with Tom Long and Fred Craddock at  
Emory University in Atlanta
- 1980 Certified to administer the Taylor-Johnson Tempermental  
Analysis Test with Paul Faulkner at Abilene Christian  
University

**Membership in Professional Societies:**

American Academy of Homiletics	1993-present
The Association for Doctor of Ministry Education	1995-present
Society of Biblical Literature	1990-1997
Speech Communication Association	1991-1997

**List of Publications**

**Books:**

Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs. College Press NIV Commentary  
Series. Joplin, MO: College Press, 2002.

Performing the Psalms. Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. St Louis: Chalice  
Press, forthcoming in May, 2005.

Formation of Character in the Book of Proverbs,  
Work in Progress

Series of five volumes on preaching:

Preaching from Luke/Acts. Vol. 1. Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2000.

Preaching Autobiography. Vol. 2. Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2001.

Preaching Romans. Vol. 3 Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2002.

Preaching Hebrews. Vol. 4. Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2003.

Preaching The Eighth Century Prophets. Vol. 5. Eds. David Fler and Dave Bland. Abilene: ACU Press, 2004.

### Audio/Video:

“Moral Development from the Book of Proverbs,” Ministry for Theological Education, 2001.

“A Conversation with Dave Bland and Ron Allen,” Walter Scott Preaching Society, August, 2003.

### Articles:

2005 "Review of Preaching Biblical Wisdom and Hear and Be Wise" Journal For Preachers. Forthcoming April, 2005.

2004 "Prophetic Authority in Preaching," Academy of Homiletics: Memphis (2004): 250-259.

2004 “Review of Alyce M. McKenzie, *Hear and Be Wise: Becoming a Teacher and Preacher of Wisdom*.” Homiletic, 29 1 (Summer 2004): 39-41.

2003 “Major review of Richard Eslinger’s *The Web of Preaching*” *Leaven*, 11 no. 4 (2003): 221-222.

2003 “Profiles of Ministry Issues & Settings: PoM at Harding University Graduate School of Religion.” Interpretation newsletter. Pittsburgh: The Association of Theological Schools (Spring, 2003): 2-3.

- 2002 "Major Review of Proverbs" by Leo Perdue in the Interpretation Commentary Series. Interpretation, 56, no 1(2002): 88-89.
- 2002 "Review of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs," by Murphy and Huwiler. Restoration Quarterly, forthcoming.
- 2001 "The Church's Role in the Development of Moral Character," Mid South Christian Banner Vol 5, no 6 (August, 2001): 9.
- 2000 "Review of A Time to Tear Down & A Time To Build Up: A Rereading of Ecclesiastes," in Stone Campbell Journal, 3 no 2 (Fall, 2000) : 296-297.
- 2000 "Review of Between the Bible and the Church: New Methods for Biblical Preaching," by David Bartlett, Restoration Quarterly, 42 no. 4 (2000) : 249-250.
- 2000 "Review of Preaching the New and the Now," by David Buttrick, Restoration Quarterly, Vol. 42 no 2 (2000) : 120-121.
- 2000 "Iron Sharpens Iron: From Exposition to Sermon (Proverbs 27:14-19)." Leaven Vol. 8 no 2 (Spring, 2000) : pp. 70-74.
- 1998 "Formation of Character in the Book of Proverbs," Restoration Quarterly 40 no 4 (1998) : 221-237.
- 1998 "Review of Preaching Proverbs: Wisdom for the Pulpit" by Alyce McKenzie in The Princeton Seminary Bulletin 19 no 1 (1998) : 84-85.
- 1998 "The Role of Character in Preaching," Leaven, 6 no 1 (1998) :40-42.
- 1997 "Rejoice in the Lord" and "A Time to Die," Power for Today, 43 no 4 (1997) : 38, 80.
- 1997 "A New Proposal for Preaching from Proverbs." Preaching Journal Vol. 13 no 6 (1997) : 28-30.
- 1997 "Right Timing: Proverbs 26:1-9." Preaching Journal Vol 13 no 6 (1997) : 31-33.
- 1997 "The Use of Proverbs in Two Medieval Genres of Discourse: "The Art of Poetry" and "The Art of Preaching." Proverbium: Yearbook of International Proverb Scholarship. Vol. 14

- (1997) : 1-21.
- 1997 "I Resolve to Bring God to the Center of My Family." 21st Century Christian Vol. 59 no 4 (1997) : 4-7.
- 1997"Review of Thinking in Story" by Richard Jensen in Restoration Quarterly, Vol. 39 no 3 (1997) : 181-182.
- 1997"Review of Homiletical Handbook" by Donald Hamilton in Restoration Quarterly, Vol 39 no 1 (1997) : 53-55.
- 1997"Review of A Poetics of Jonah" by Kenneth Craig in Critical Review of Books in Religion, 1996, 9 (1997) : 146-148.
- 1996"How to Develop Moral Character in Our Children," 21st Century Christian 59 no 2 (1996) : 8-12.
- 1996 Power for Today, Jan-Feb issue (1996):  
     "The Sound of Silence" p. 27  
     "Blind Spots" p. 40
- 1996 "Review of Taking the Bible Seriously by J. Benton White" in Interpretation 50 (1996): 106.
- 1995 "Review of Preaching Old Testament" by John Holbert in Restoration Quarterly, no 4 vol 37 (1995): 250-253.
- 1995 "Review of New American Commentary on Proverbs and Ecclesiastes by Duane Garrett" in Review and Expositor 92 no 2 (1995) : 240-241.
- 1995 "Review of Texts Under Negotiation, by Walter Brueggemann"no1 vol. 37 (1995) Restoration Quarterly (1995) : 61-63.
- 1994 "Review of Wisdom in Theology, by Ronald Clements," Word and World, (1994): 462-464.
- 1994 Two articles in Power for Today (Oct-Dec, 1994):  
     "Building Bridges" p. 57.  
     "Confidence in the Face of Alienation" p. 17.
- 1993 "Review of Rhetoric and Biblical Interpretation, by Dale Patrick and Allen Scult," in Critical Review of Books in Religion1992 5 (1993) : 156-157.
- 1992 "Review of The Bible as Rhetoric: Studies in Biblical Persuasion and Credibility," edited by Martin Warner, in Critical Review of Books in Religion.
- 1992 "The Biblical Quest for Wisdom," Major Book Review in Interpretation, 46 (1992) :183-184.

- 1992 Sermon in Part III "Current Preaching of the Core Gospel," The Core Gospel, ACU Press, 1992.
- 1991 "I Press On Toward the Goal," Gospel Advocate January 1991) : 34-35.
- 1991 "Review of Wisdom for a Changing World: Wisdom in Old Testament Theology," by Ronald E. Clements, in Restoration Quarterly 33 (1991).
- 1990 "Patterns of Spontaneous Rhetoric: Ways of Praying Among the Charismatic Bible Temple Community," in Journal of Communication and Religion 13 (March, 1990)
- 1990 "Ever Growing, Ever Learning," Gospel Advocate (December, 1990) : 37-38.
- 1990 "Do Wrinkles Hurt?" Gospel Advocate (November, 1990) : 43-43.
- 1989-1993 Five devotional articles in Power for Today .
- 1989 "What Men Can Learn From Women," Image (June, 1989) : 28-30.
- 1989 "When Bad Things Happen to People: The Perspective of the Sage," The Columbia Spectator (Spring, 1989) : 11-16.
- 1988 "Book review: Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life," The Columbia Spectator (Fall, 1988) : 35-38.
- 1987 "The Leadership Model of Samuel," Image (May, 1987) : 25,32
- 1987 "Review of Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in an Age of Show Business," Mission Journal (September, 1987) : 24-25.
- 1987-1991 Book Reviews in Restoration Quarterly:
- "Wisdom for a Changing World: Wisdom in Old Testament Theology," by Ronald E. Clements, Restoration Quarterly 33 (1991) : 110-112.
- "Interpreting the Psalms," by Patrick D. Miller, Restoration Quarterly, 31 (1989) : 238-240.
- "Prophecy in Israel," ed. David Petersen, Restoration Quarterly, 31 (1989) : 241-243.
- "Interpreting the Prophets," ed James Luther Mays and Paul Achtemeier, Restoration Quarterly 31 (1989) : 126-128
- "Preaching Christian Doctrine," by William Carl, Restoration Quarterly 31 (1989) : 57-60.

"Confrontations with Prophets," by Hans Walter Wolff, Restoration Quarterly, 31 (1989) :116-117.

"Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in an Age of Show Business, by Neil Postman, Restoration Quarterly 31 (1989) :117-119.

"Fundamentals of Preaching," by John Killinger, Restoration Quarterly 30 (1988) : 238-239.

"Reclaiming the Old Testament for the Christian Pulpit," by Donald Gowan, Restoration Quarterly 29 (1987) :178-180.

1981 "God's Activity as Reflected in the Books of Ruth and Esther," Restoration Quarterly 24 (1981) : 129-147.

1980 "Exegesis of Psalm 62," Restoration Quarterly 23 (1980) : 82-95.

1980 "A Perspective on Death" Gospel Advocate (September 4, 1980) : 564.

#### Lectureships/Seminars on which I have spoken:

2004 Harding University	
2004 Pepperdine University	The Current Revolution in Preaching
2002 York, Nebraska	MidWest Preachers' Seminar
2001 Inman Lectures (Ohio Valley College)	Moral Character and Proverbs
2001 Harding University	Biblical Preaching
1998 Rochester College	Preaching Wisdom Literature
1996 Cascade College	Conference on the Family
1996 Michigan Christian College	Preaching from Numbers
1996 Harding University	Proverbs: Moral Development of Youth
1994 Abilene Christian University	Building Healthy Relationships:
Perspectives from Proverbs	
1993 Pepperdine University	Proverbial Lore
1989 Columbia Christian College	Panel
1988 Columbia Christian College	Ministry from II Corinthians
1986 Pepperdine University	The Human Condition: Gospel of Luke

#### Workshops directed:

1996 Preachers' Workshop" Harding University Graduate School of Religion	"God-Centered Preaching"
1994 "Preachers' Workshop" Harding University Graduate School of Religion	"Preaching the Diverse Literature of Scripture"

European Seminars Conducted:

2004 Budapest, Hungary	Seminar on Eighth Century Prophets
2004 Thun, Switzerland	Seminar on Eighth Century Prophets
2002 Stirling, Scotland	Seminar on Preaching Romans
2001 Stirling, Scotland	Seminar on Preaching I Corinthians
1999 Budapest, Hungary	Seminar on Wisdom Literature
1998 Gemünden, Germany	Seminar for European church leaders on Strengthening Congregational Life of the Church
1997 Gemünden, Germany	Seminar for European church leaders and missionaries on the Eighth Century Prophets
1995 Gemünden, Germany	Conducted Seminar for church leaders and missionaries on Wisdom Literature

Papers Read at Professional Conferences:

December 2004	Academy of Homiletics, Memphis, TN: "Prophetic Authority in Preaching"
July 1997	Christian Scholars Conference, Abilene Christian U., paper presented: "The Function of Family in Proverbs"
December 1996	Academy of Homiletics in Santa Fe, paper presented "A Creative Approach to Preaching Proverbs"
December 1995	Academy of Homiletics in Atlanta, paper presented "Preaching from the Old Testament: Old Tools for a New Job."

- November, 1994 National Speech Communication Association Convention in New Orleans; paper presented "A Rhetorical Perspective As A Method Of Shaping Proverbs For Sermonic Use."
- November, 1993 National Speech Communication Association Convention in Miami; paper presented: "A Rhetorical and Hermeneutical Perspective on the book of Proverbs."
- October, 1992 National Speech Communication Association Convention in Chicago; paper presented "The Newmanian Hermeneutical Connection: An Application to Interpreting Scripture."
- July, 1992 Christian Scholars Conference at Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City; paper presented: "The Rhetorical Performance of Biblical Proverbs."
- July, 1989 Christian Scholars Conference at Pepperdine University in Malibu; paper presented "The Sage in Jewish Wisdom."