**Mandy Ellene McMichael**

**Education**

Ph.D., Religion, Duke University

Area of specialization: American Religious History

Internal Minor: Christian Ethics

External Minor: 20th Century Social History

Advisor: Grant Wacker

Dissertation: “Religion, Miss America, and the Construction of Evangelical Womanhood”

Degree Awarded: May 2014

Th. M., Duke University Divinity School

Degree Awarded: 2006

M.Div., *Magna Cum Laude,* Duke University Divinity School

Degree Awarded: 2005

B.A., *Summa Cum Laude with Distinction,* Judson College

Degree Awarded: 2002

Honors Thesis: “Phoebe Palmer and Frances Willard: Heroines of Humanity”

**Teaching and Service**

**Baylor University, Waco, TX**

Assistant Professor of Religion, Associate Director of Ministry Guidance, June 2017-present

* Courses Taught: Introduction to Ministry, Communication in Ministry

**Huntingdon College, Montgomery, AL**

Assistant Professor of Religion, Fall 2012-May 2017

* Courses Taught: Religion in America, Christianity and Civil Rights, Women and Religion in America, American Religious Autobiography, Introducing the Old Testament, Introducing the New Testament, Interpreting the Bible, Comparative Religions, and History of the Christian Church
* Selected Service: Faculty Leader for College Women’s Bible Study (2015-present), Huntingdon Leadership Academy Speaker (Ministry Discernment Retreat for High School Students, 2015), Faculty for Huntingdon College Travel-Study (Scotland – November 2015, Alaska – June 2016), Faculty Advisor for Phi Mu Fraternity (2013-present), Faculty Awards Committee (2016-present), Travel Committee secretary (2015-2016), IRB Exploratory Committee (2014-2015), Student Life and Athletics Committee (2013-2014), Academic Policy and Honors Committee secretary (2012-2013)

Women’s Advocate, Title IX Discrimination Response Team, 2014-2017

* Responsible for creating and implementing education sessions on Huntingdon College’s discrimination and sexual misconduct policy for female students
* Advocate for women who have reported discrimination and/or sexual assault

Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, 2010-2011

**Judson College, Religion Department**

Adjunct Professor, REL 325: Women and Religion in America, Spring 2011

**Duke University, Thompson Writing Program**

Graduate Student Instructor, Writing 20: Beauty, Brains, and God: Women, Religion, and the South, Fall 2008

**Duke Divinity School**

Preceptor (Facilitator/Grader), Introduction to American Christianity for Dr. Grant Wacker, Fall 2006, 2007, and 2008

Preceptor, Modern European Christianity for Dr. David Steinmetz, Spring 2008

Preceptor, Introduction to Christian Preaching for Dr. Chuck Campbell, Spring 2009

**Publications**

**Books:**

*Miss America’s God: Faith and Identity in America’s Oldest Pageant*, (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, forthcoming).

**Journal Articles:**

“Engaging Primary Sources.” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, July 2017.

“‘An Opportunity to Aid in This Good Work’: Power and Agency in the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society” *Baptist History and Heritage Society*, Spring 2006, Vol. 41, No. 2.

“Educating Baptists: The Legacy of Basil Manly, Jr.” *The Pacific Journal of Baptist Research*, April 2006, Vol. 2, No. 1.

**Dictionary and Encyclopedia Entries:**

Entries on “Cooperative Baptist Fellowship,” “Lee, Jarena,” “Manley, Sr., Basil,” “Manley, Jr., Basil,” “Montgomery, Helen Barrett,” “Moon, Charlotte Diggs,” “Ordination of Women,” “Palmer, Phoebe,” “Stanton, Elizabeth Cady,” “Stone, Lucy,” “Willard, Frances,” “Woman’s Christian Temperance Union,” and “Women, Status and Role of” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, edited by George Thomas Kurian and Mark Lamport. (New York: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2016).

Entries on “Helen Keller,” “The Montgomery Bus Boycott,” and “Frances Willard” in *Encyclopedia of American Women’s History*, ed. Hasia R. Diner. Facts on File, Incorporated, 2010.

Entries on “Elizabeth Ross Haynes,” “Margaret Henrichsen,” “Daisy Elizabeth Adams Lampkin,” “Salome Lincoln,” “Sarah Catherine Wood Marshall” “Harriet Atwood Newell,” “Mary Mills Patrick,” “Amanda Berry Smith,” “Cora Ann Pair Thomas,” and “Abigail Goodrich Whittelsey,” in *The Westminster Handbook to Women in American Religious History*, eds. Susan Hill Lindley and Eleanor J. Stebner. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2008).

**Book Reviews:**

“Review: Baptist Women’s Writings in Revolutionary Culture, 1640-1680” *Baptist History and Heritage* (2016).

“Review: Experiential Education in the College Context: What It Is, How It Works, and Why It Matters,” *Reflective Teaching* (2016): http://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/article.aspx?id=29493.

“Review: Mormon Feminism,” Journal of Southern Religion(18) (2016): jsreligion.org/vol18/mcmichael.

**Other Publications:**

“What Maternity Leave Policies have to do with Christian Witness,” *Her.Meneutics Blog*, January 22, 2015, http://www.christianitytoday.com/women/2015/january/what-maternity-leave-policies-have-to-do-with-christian-wit.html.

“Miss America Pageant’s Many Unnoticed Positives,” *Ethics Daily*, September 19, 2013, http://ethicsdaily.com/miss-america-pageants-many-unnoticed-positives-cms-21120.

“Millenials: A Voice to Call the Church to Faithfulness,” *Ethics Daily*, August 2, 2013, http://ethicsdaily.com/millennials-a-voice-to-call-the-church-to-faithfulness-cms-20985.

“Psalm 81” *Reflections*, June 2013.

“A Bikinied Muslim Miss USA” *Her.Meneutics Blog*, May, 26 2010, http://blog.christianitytoday.com/women/2010/05/beauty\_pageants\_tk.html

“Pageant Preachers” *Christianity Today Blog*, June 17, 2009, http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2009/juneweb-only/124-32.0.html

**Presentations**

“Helen Barrett Montgomery’s War: Fighting for Unity in the Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy.” Paper presented at the Baptist History and Heritage Society, Augusta, GA, June 2017.

“Purpose-Driven Pageantry: Christians and the Miss America Pageant.” Paper presented at the Conference on Faith and History, Virginia Beach, VA, October 2016.

“Pageant Prayers: When Responding to God’s Call Requires a Stage and a Crown.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, November 2015.

“‘Girls in Action:’ Coronating Southern Baptist Mission Queens.” Paper presented at the American Society of Church History, Chicago, IL, January 2012.

“Misusing God’s Word: Prooftexting in Church and Culture.” Paper presented at the Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy meeting, Honolulu, HI, July 2010.

“Modeling Modesty?: Religion and Pageantry in the 20th Century South.” Paper presented at the national meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Atlanta, GA, May 2010.

“From the Runway to the Altar: Miss America’s Religion.” Paper presented at the regional meeting of the National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion, Greensboro, NC, March 2009.

“Miss America’s Religion: Beauty, Faith and Power in the 20th Century Scholarship Pageant.” Paper presented at American Society of Church History, New York, NY, January 2009.

“‘An Opportunity to Aid in This Good Work’: Power and Agency in the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society.” Paper presented at Baptist History and Heritage Society, Birmingham, AL 2005.

**Academic Achievements and Awards**

**Wabash Center Fellowship**

* “Student Buy-In: Experiential Learning in First Year Religion Classes,” Summer 2016

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Religion, Workshop Participant**

* Workshop for Pre-Tenure Religion Faculty at Colleges and Universities, 2015-2016

**Order of Omega Greek Awards**

* Outstanding Chapter Advisor, Huntingdon College, 2015

**Dr. and Mrs. John N. Todd Award for Excellence in Teaching**

* Junior Faculty Recipient, Huntingdon College, 2014-2015

**Omicron Delta Kappa**

* Huntingdon College faculty initiate (chosen by current ODK members), 2015

**Louisville Institute, Award Recipient**

* Louisville Dissertation Fellowship, 2011-2012

**Young Scholars in the Baptist Academy**

* Workshop Participant, 2010

**Duke University, Graduate School**

* Doctoral Fellowship, 2006-2011
* Kearns Summer Research Fellowship, 2011
* Summer Research Fellowship, 2009

**Duke University, Divinity School**

* James O. Duncan Scholarship, 2003-2006
* George D. Finch Scholarship, 2002-2003
* Outstanding Tutor, Duke University Community Service Center, 2002-2003

**Judson College**

* Full Tuition Academic Scholarship
* Senior Religion Award
* Senior Music Award
* Faulkner Award – University Award for School Spirit, Service, and Academic Excellence
* Delta Omicron Senior Honor Pin (Senior Music Major with Highest GPA)

**Professional Activities**

Steering Committee Member, Religions and Families in North America group, American Academy of Religion

Member, NABPR Dissertation Scholarship Committee, 2017-2019

Member, Editorial Board, *Perspectives in Religious Studies*, 2017-2019

**Research and Teaching Interests**

* Baptist History
* Beauty and Religion
* Evangelicalism
* Missions and Evangelism
* Women and Ministry

**Professional Affiliations**

* American Academy of Religion
* American Society of Church History
* Baptist History and Heritage Society
* Conference on Faith and History
* National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion

**Ministry Experience**

**Pintlala Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL**

Organist, 2010-2017

**Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC**

Interim Youth and Children’s Minister, Summer 2005

Ministry Intern, Summer 2004

**University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC**

Ministry Intern, Fall 2003-Spring 2004

**Summer Missionary with International Mission Board**

Singapore, Summer 2001

**Pulpit Supply**

First Baptist Church, Auburn AL; Judson College Chapel Preacher, Marion, AL; Huntingdon College Chapel Preacher, Montgomery, AL; Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC; Pintlala Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL; Tabernacle Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA; University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, NC