

CURRICULUM VITAE

LES L. STEELE, Ph.D.

Current Position

2012-Present Senior Vice President, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

Education/Degrees

1984 Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School

1983 M.A. Claremont Graduate School

1976 M.A. Azusa Pacific University

1975 B.A. Azusa Pacific University

Other

2001 Completed the Wharton/IRHE Program in Higher Education at the Wharton School, The University of Pennsylvania.

Academic Experience

Faculty Positions

1985-2012 Professor of Christian Formation, Seattle Pacific University. Tenured in 1991.

1984-1985 Assistant Professor of Spiritual Formation, Azusa Pacific University.

1982-1984 Assistant Professor of Christian Education, Wheaton College.

Administrative Positions

2001- 2012 Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Seattle Pacific University

As chief academic officer I oversee all academic programs, Student Life, Residence Life, the Library and the Center for Scholarship and Faculty Development.

- 2000-2001 Dean, School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University
Responsibilities included organizing the new School of Theology, faculty and curricular oversight.
- 1998-2000 Chair, Department of Theology, Seattle Pacific University
- 1992-1993 Director of the Freshmen Program

Honors and Listings

Burlington Resources Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1989. This is an award given by the faculty of the University.

Professor of the Year, 1990. This is an award given by the Associated Student Body.

Faculty of a Growing Vision, 1990. Awarded by the faculty of the University during the centennial year.

Burlington Resources Award for Excellence in Scholarship, 1991. This is an award given by the faculty of the University.

Rice Lecturer at Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1994.

Named to the Haggard School of Theology Academic Hall of Fame, Azusa Pacific University, 2004.

Representative Administrative and Faculty Governance Service

Faculty Council member-at-large. Faculty Council functions as the executive committee of the Faculty Senate. As such we give oversight to the work of the various faculty committees and serve as primary liaison to the administration.

Chair of the Faculty. Served two, three-year terms as Faculty Chair. In this role I chaired both Faculty Council and Faculty Senate. I also worked directly with the administration on budget, curriculum and faculty development. I have planned and directed a number of faculty retreats and in-services

Served on several General Education Task Forces.

University Representative to the Lilly Fellows Program.

Professional Memberships

Council of Independent Colleges
American Academy of Religion
American Association of Colleges and Universities

Representative Professional Activities

- Attendance and presentations at national conferences of Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education and American Academy of Religion.
- Seminar on faith development in college students for the Northwest Regional CCCU new faculty Seminar.
- Regular presenter on faith development in college students for the Seattle Pacific University New Faculty Orientation.
- Attendance and Participation at the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officers Conference.
- Workshop leader at the New Chief Academic Officers Workshop at the Council of Independent Colleges Chief Academic Officers conference.
- Served as mentor for a number of new chief academic officers
- Served as consultant for a number of colleges and universities primarily on matters of curriculum, faculty and academic structure.
- Have worked with the Board of Trustees to educate them and advise them on all matters of the academic life of the university.

Representative Accreditation Activities

- Chaired Ten-Year Comprehensive Self Study for Seattle Pacific University
- Chaired Five-Year Interim Self Study for Seattle Pacific University
- Regular attendance at NWCCU Annual Conference
- Attended multiple workshops in preparation for Self Study preparation
- Trained as a NWCCU accreditation visit team member

- Participated as a team member on a number of NWCCU accreditation visits
- Trained as a NWCCU accreditation visit team chair
- Chaired a number of NWCCU accreditation visits

Publications

“Developmental Psychology and Spiritual Development.” In Stan Jones (ed.) Readings in the Christian Faith and the Discipline of Psychology. Baker Books, 1986.

“Identity Formation Theory and Youth Ministry.” Christian Education Journal. 1988, Vol. 9 No. 1, 91-99.

“Adult Developmental Periods and Protestant Male Clergy: A Descriptive Framework.” Journal of Psychology and Theology. 1988, Vol. 16, No.1, 15-20.

“Pastoral Frustrations.” Free Methodist Pastors Journal. March 1988.

Review of Charles Glenn. The Myth of the Common School. Massachusetts: University of Massachusetts Press, 1988. In Christianity Today, December 15, 1989.

“Research in Faith Development.” Christian Education Journal. 1989, Vol. 9, No. 2, 21-30.

On The Way: A Practical Theology of Christian Formation. Baker Book House, 1990.

“Identity Formation and College-Level Religion Courses: A Pilot Study.” Co-authored with Robert Drov Dahl. Journal of Psychology and Theology. 1991, Vol.19, No. 2, 197-202.

“College as an Effective Rite of Passage.” Co-authored with Kenneth Tollefson. Christian Scholar's Review. 1990, Vol. 20, No. 2, 136-148.

“What is it to be Christian?” Christian Education Journal. 1992, Vol. 13, No. 1, 8-11. I served as theme editor for this issue.

“Psychological Characteristics of Young Adults.” In Handbook of Young Adult Religious Education. Edited by Harley Atkinson. Alabama: Religious Education Press, 1995.

“The Power of Erik Erikson.” In Developmental Christian Education. Edited by James Wilhoit and John Detonni. Chicago: Victor Press, 1995.

“Renewing the Self.” Co-authored with Robert Drov Dahl. Christian Education Journal. Spring, 1995.

“A Developmental Model for Integrating Psychology and Theology.” Co-authored with Les Parrott. Journal of Psychology and Theology. 1995, Vo..23, No.4, 261-265.

“Educating the Heart.” In Heart Religion in the Methodist and Related Movements. Edited by Richard B. Steele, Scarecrow Press, 2001.

Representative Professional Papers Delivered

“A Study of Attitudes Among Pacific Northwest Free Methodist Ministers.” A study commissioned by the Ministerial Education and Guidance Board of the Pacific Northwest Free Methodist Conference, 1985.

“Spiritual Development: A Holistic-Developmental Model.” A paper presented at the 1983 meeting of the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education.

“The Adult Development of Male Protestant Clergy.” A paper presented at the 1984 meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

“Narrative Theology and Religious Education.” A paper presented at the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education.

“Identity Formation and College-Level Biblical Literature Courses.” A Paper co-presented with Dr. Robert Drov Dahl at the 1986 meeting of the National Association of Professors of Christian Education.

“Putting on the New Self”. A paper co-presented with Dr. Bob Drov Dahl at the 1997 Point Loma Center for Wesleyan Studies Conference.

“Church and Culture.” April 1997. Keynote Lectures at the Northwest Evangelical Lutheran Church of America pastors conference.

“Christian Identity: A Trinitarian Understanding of the Self in a Postmodern Context.” Presented at the 1997 Oxford Institute for Methodist Theological Studies, Oxford, England.