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Narrative Preaching - Johan Janse Van Rensburg 2003

Spirit Speech - Dr. Luke A. Powery 2010-10-01
That the Holy Spirit is present in preaching is something we take for granted. How the Spirit is present is a question we seldom ask. Luke Powery suggests that we fail to ask that question to the detriment of our preaching. Drawing on the tradition of African American preaching, he locates the Spirit’s activity in the sermon in two primary places; First, in celebration, the joyous acceptance of God’s gifts to the church and to the world. But equally as powerful is the expression of lament, the lifting up of our sorrow, grief, and suffering. In these two experiences the Spirit plays the decisive role, enabling the preacher to lay the congregation’s joys and sorrows at the feet of the living God, and announcing God’s presence in both our celebration and our lament.

We Have this Ministry - Samuel D. Proctor 1996
In April 2015, America's last pulpit prince died. When Gardner C. Taylor (1918-2015), former senior pastor of Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, departed this life at the age of ninety-six, the United States lost one of the greatest preachers of the twentieth century. Unfortunately, not enough preachers today know his name or why his preaching can enrich and bless the church today. Learning from a Legend: What Gardner C. Taylor Can Teach Us about Preaching provides Christian preachers with much-needed lessons, wisdom, and insights from Dr. Taylor, the dean of American preaching. It highlights six lessons that Dr. Taylor can teach preachers in the twenty-first century about pain, redemption, eloquence, apprenticeship, context, and holiness. Not only did Dr. Taylor teach and preach these lessons, he lived them. Those wanting to learn more about Dr. Taylor's preaching while also sharpening their own preaching ought to read this book.

In the face of growing inequities in the United States and global economies, Rev. Dr. Joseph Evans, Dean of Morehouse University School of Religion, has issued a clarion call to preachers to disturb the status quo and cause meaningful, thoughtful conversations about a species of biblical preaching that envisions economic justice as the ethical imperative for the twenty-first century, particularly for people of African descent. Written from a preacher's perspective, grounded in solid scholarship, this volume asserts an ethical
imperative for economic justice and what this means for the twenty-first-century church and those who preach in prophetic pulpits around the world.

*Routes & Radishes* - Mark Russell 2010

Routes and Radishes invites you into a conversation about what the evangelical movement has been and what it is going to be. Five influential, younger-generation evangelicals discuss their passions for shaping the evangelicalism of the future. They encourage you to consider the challenges and opportunities that face rising leaders within diverse evangelical communities.

**Preaching with Cultural Intelligence** - Matthew D. Kim 2017-10-17

Preaching 2018 Book of the Year To preach effectively in today's world, preachers need cultural intelligence. They must build bridges between listeners who come from various denominations, ethnicities, genders, locations, religious backgrounds, and more. Experienced preacher and teacher Matthew Kim provides a step-by-step template for cross-cultural hermeneutics and homiletics, equipping preachers to reach their varied listeners in the church and beyond. Each chapter includes questions for individual thought or group discussion. The book also includes helpful diagrams and images, a sample sermon, and appendixes for exegeting listeners and for exploring cultural differences.

**Homiletical Theology** - David Schnasa Jacobsen 2015-02-13

Karl Barth famously argued that all theology is sermon preparation. But what if all sermon preparation is actually theology? This book pursues a thoroughgoing theological vision for the practice of preaching as a way of doing theology. The idea is not just that homiletics is the realm of theological application. That would leave
preaching in the position of simply implementing a theology already arrived at. Instead, the vision in these pages is of a form of theology that begins with preaching itself: its practice, its theories, and its contexts. Homiletical theology is thus a unique way of doing theology—even a constructive theological task in its own right. Homiletician David Schnasa Jacobsen has assembled several of the leading lights of contemporary homiletics to help to see its task ever more deeply as theological, yet in profoundly diverse ways. Along the way, readers will not only discover how homileticians do theology homiletically, but will deepen the way in which they understand their own preaching as a theological task.

360-Degree Preaching - Michael J. Quicke
2003

Thinking in Story - Richard A. Jensen

1995-08-01

Crossover Preaching - Jared E. Alcántara
2015-10-08
As society becomes more culturally diverse and globally connected, churches and seminaries are rapidly changing. And as the church changes, preaching must change too. Crossover Preaching proposes a way forward through conversation with the "dean of the nation?s black preachers," Gardner C. Taylor, senior pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. In this richly interdisciplinary study, Jared E. Alcántara argues that an analysis of Taylor?s preaching reveals an improvisational-intercultural approach that recovers his contemporary significance and equips U. S. churches and seminary classrooms for the future. Alcántara argues that preachers and homileticians need to develop intercultural and improvisational
proficiencies to reach an increasingly intercultural church. Crossover Preaching equips them with concrete practices designed to help them cultivate these competencies and thus communicate effectively in a changing world.

*Preaching from Inside the Story* - Jeffrey W. Frymire 2022-06-02
Preaching from Inside the Story is a book that seeks to carve out an understanding of narrative preaching in an age where there is little agreement about its nature and practice. Capitalizing on the works of Craddock and Lowry, it seeks to find an expanded palette upon which the preacher may engage the larger canvas of narrative preaching. This book will engage the mind by introducing neuroscientific understandings of creativity; build upon the foundations of the philosophy of stories by engaging Aristotle’s foundational understanding of narrative; and renew the Lowry Loop by expanding this seminal work and how it should be understood in our current culture. Preaching from Inside the Story breaks new ground by encouraging preachers to move inside stories and tell them from the inside out providing a positive effect, thereby affording non-narrative preachers to connect with storytelling principles. Ultimately, it is filled with examples of how to do narrative in a very practical way. However, in showing these practical examples, the reader is involved in a deep analysis of those narrative sermons and how they fit into an overall narrative understanding of preaching. In the final analysis, it invites the reader to take a fresh journey into narrative preaching.

*Intercultural Preaching* - Anthony Reddie 2021-03-20
Our churches in Britain today are becoming increasingly multicultural. This will be for
some both a delight and a challenge not least for those called to preach inside them. Whether we like it or not, this is a reality with which the church must engage. It is a challenge to our understanding of mission in Britain. Intercultural Preaching consists of a series of essays in which scholars and practitioners, ministers, and lay people, all of whom are preachers, share their insights on the joys and challenges of preaching in diverse contexts. This is a practical resource for those charged with preaching the word of God to God's people in changing and complex times. The book also includes sample sermons as examples of sermons preached in multicultural contexts. This is a practical resource for those charged with preaching the word of God to God's people in changing and complex times. The book also includes sample sermons as examples of sermons preached in multicultural contexts.

Thinking in Story - Richard A. Jensen 1993

We are living on the boundary between the print and electronic era. Richard A. Jensen says that as we move into the electronic world, we must seriously rethink most of what we do. This book calls us to reinvestigate preaching in our time. Well-grounded in an understanding of communication cultures, this book is a rare gift. In theory and practice, Jensen helps preachers rethink what they are doing and offers a strategy for effective communication in an electronic era.

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Jensen's "thinking in story" thesis provides a scholarly, logical rationale for why it both "feels" and "is" so right; Jensen applies his "thinking in story" concept to biblical material as well. His approach helps us to see individual texts/stories in light of the larger biblical story, which opens up many new avenues for preaching. Thomas Rogers Assistant Professor of Homiletics Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Berkeley, California

These are solid prescriptions for our media-
saturated times, calling for a shift in our very approach to proclamation. Jensen is quite right in this goal, that preaching needs to compel participation in the narratives of scripture, not merely an understanding of them. James Nieman Assistant Professor of Homiletics Wartburg Theological Seminary Dubuque, Iowa Richard A. Jensen is a trained systematic theologian, having taught these subjects at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, from 1971-1981. He is author of Telling The Story. Since 1982 he has served in the communication department of the American Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He produces the weekly radio program "Lutheran Vespers," and several series of television programs.

Cross-Cultural Apologetics - Wayne Detzler 2011-11-06

In our increasing multicultural world, Christian missionaries struggle to give an answer concerning their faith: most are trained just to communicate the gospel across cultures. Likewise, many trained apologists never gain a hearing for their defense because of cultural differences and barriers they were never prepared to recognize or overcome. Wayne Detzler, a professor of missions and experienced missionary on three continents (Europe, Africa and Asia) for over 20 years along with Doug Potter an educator in Christian theology and apologetics for 10 years move these two needed areas, apologetics and cross-cultural communication, closer together by providing a theory and then apply it to adherents of various worldviews and their religious expressions. Interactive case studies provide a real world feel to this subject that is often left out of the classroom. This book is especially suited for Westerners who need help developing an
answer for those they come in contact with from distant cultures.
*Intercultural Preaching* - Anthony Reddie 2021

**Preaching Character** - Dave Bland 2010

**Crossover Preaching** - Jared E. Alcántara 2015-10-08
In our increasingly pluralistic and multicultural society, there is a need for preaching that is capable of crossing cultural boundaries and engaging multiple contexts. Jared Alcántara's exciting new work proposes an intercultural and improvisational account of preaching in conversation with the legacy of Gardner C. Taylor.

**Homiletic** - David Buttrick 1987-01-01
'homiletics is an odd discipline. You cannot talk of sermon design without some glimmer of what sermons are made of, and you cannot comprehend the internal parts of a sermon without a grasp of sermon design. ...[from back cover]

**Contextualization** - Bruce Nicholls 1979

**Expository Preaching in a World of Spiritual Nominalism** - R. T. Johnson Raih 2021-10-06
The spiritual decay of nominalism threatens the established church worldwide. While spiritual lethargy is often addressed from the perspective of theology and discipleship, little attention has been given to the role of homiletics in revitalizing a congregation’s spiritual health. In this study, Dr. Johnson Raih explores the impact of preaching on members of Baptist churches in Imphal, Manipur, India, from 2000 to 2015. He utilizes interviews and questionnaires from pastors, church leaders, and lay members to assess the presence of nominalism within church
congregations, along with the effects of various preaching methods on increasing or decreasing spiritual vitality. Combining this qualitative research with scriptural and theological insight, Raih suggests that expository preaching has the power to confront, and even eradicate, nominalism within the church. He draws on biblical examples, along with the methodology of John Stott and Timothy Keller, to offer ten practical recommendations for countering nominalism homiletically – whether in Imphal, India, or around the world. 

The Sermon without End - Ronald J. Allen

A New Model for Post-Apologetic Preaching in a Pluralistic World. The relationship between preaching and the public sphere has long been debated. Three different theological approaches tend to dominate the discussion. In different ways, these approaches take into account the movement from the modern mindset of the mid-to-late 20th century to the emerging postmodern worldview. In The Sermon without End, authors Allen & Allen thoughtfully offer a fourth option, one that in their view has not received much attention, but which offers a distinct and especially helpful perspective. It is a new and dynamic conversational model, reaching beyond the earlier work of Tillich and Tracy. In this homiletical framework, conversation takes place in multiple directions between the text or tradition and the world today. It is preaching in conversation, not just toward but with voices from the public sphere. The book provides a solid foundation for understanding this post-apologetic approach, but it importantly goes on to offer practical, real-pulpit guidance for implementation in a preaching ministry. It is a book for both scholars and practicing
preachers who wish to reach people in meaningful and significant ways, and in ways that make sense for today. "This book deserves to be widely applauded. It provides a post-apologetic lens to illuminate the history of various modern homiletical discourses even as it envisions a postmodern one. ... I strongly recommend this book for homileticians, preachers, and lay people alike." - Duse Lee, Boston University School of Theology - Reviewed in Homiletic

*Enduring Truth* - Aaron E. Lavender
2016-09-15

Enduring Truth argues that faithfulness to Scripture is the solution to a “crisis” among African American preaching. Though misinterpreting God’s Word is not restricted to one race or culture, author Aaron Lavender identifies three factors that have precipitated the decline of black preaching specifically: racial segregation, black liberation theology, and prosperity theology. The book’s first chapter recounts the history of the crisis, noting how discrimination in theological education led black ministers to liberal colleges and seminaries that prophetically confronted Jim Crow but taught the social gospel and other forms of theological error. Such schools ultimately were harmful to the spiritual health of black churches. Subsequent chapters discuss the role of biblical exegesis in preaching, develop a theology of preaching, and suggest preaching methods for the postmodern world. Every biblical text has one meaning, according to Lavender. The preacher’s job is to determine and communicate that meaning, then show its relevance in the cultural context of his hearers. Proof-texting and relativism, Lavender writes, are two great enemies of biblical preaching. While focused on the African American
context, this volume addresses topics relevant to all preachers. Enduring Truth is suited both for ministry practitioners and preaching courses. It will help readers elevate the Word of God over the worldly allures of any ministry setting.  

*Decolonizing Evangelicalism* - Randy S. Woodley 2020-03-02  
The increasing interest in postcolonial theologies has initiated a vital conversation within and outside the academy in recent decades, turning many "standard theologies" on their head. This book introduces seminary students, ministry leaders, and others to key aspects, prevailing mentalities, and some major figures to consider when coming to understand postcolonial theologies. Woodley and Sanders provide a unique combination of indigenous theology and other academic theory to point readers toward the way of Jesus. Decolonizing Evangelicalism is a starting point for those who hope to change the conversation and see that the world could be lived in a different way.  

*Christ-Centered Preaching* - Bryan Chapell 2018-05-15  
In this complete guide to expository preaching, Bryan Chapell teaches the basics of preparation, organization, and delivery--the trademarks of great preaching. This new edition of a bestselling resource, now updated and revised throughout, shows how Chapell's case for expository preaching reaches twenty-first-century readers.  

*The Future Shape of Christian Proclamation* - Cleophus J. Larue 2020-08-03  
Christianity is turning brown and moving south. The Christianity the West has known is in recession and has all but dwindled out of recognition in the opening years of the
twenty-first century. Well over half of the world's Christians now live in the Global South--Africa, Asia, and Latin America. They are, according to Aberdeen missiologist Andrew Walls, the new Representative Christians. What they think about Christianity will matter more and more and what North America thinks about Christianity will matter less and less. This massive shift in geography and theological point of departure will have a major impact on Christian preaching now and into the future. The Future Shape of Christian Proclamation seeks to begin the conversation about how preaching in the Global South will inform the whole of Christian preaching in the coming years.

You Never Step into the Same Pulpit Twice - Ronald J. Allen 2022-06-23
This volume develops an approach to preaching that brings together two important forces. One is process theology and the other is a homiletic of conversation based on mutual critical correlation. In this approach, the preacher does not unilaterally announce the Word of God but is the leader of an exciting conversation involving the biblical text, process theology, the congregation, and voices from the larger world. The preacher seeks to help the congregation identify God's invitations towards inclusive well-being and to imagine how to respond in ways that are consistent with those invitations, that promote inclusive well-being. The book begins with a crisp and clear summary of the worldview of process theology, highlighting its distinctive views on how God operates in
the world through invitation and on the interrelationship of all things. The work then outlines an approach to biblical exegesis informed by process perspectives and sketches a method for bringing the biblical voice into dialogue with voices from tradition, contemporary theology, and the congregation and preacher. The volume suggests shaping the sermon to honor process theology and conversation. The volume concludes by noticing how perspectives from process and conversation help the preacher embody the sermon in engaging ways.

Christian Apologetics as Cross-Cultural Dialogue - Benno van den Toren 2011-10-27

A call for a new understanding of apologetics, moving away from appeals to tran-cultural rationality, arguing for a new form of cross-cultural dialogue

The Third Room of Preaching - Marianne Gaarden 2017-09-29

In this cutting-edge homiletical study, Marianne Gaarden offers new perspectives for understanding how listeners create meaning when hearing a sermon. Drawing on sociological, psychological, and other empirical research, Gaarden presents the notion of the Third Room of Preaching, the place where the preacher's words and the listener's prior experiences come together to create a surplus of meaning outside of both the preacher's intent and the listener's frame of reference. The preacher cannot control the production of meaning but must surrender to the process, giving up the role of creator of meaning in order to become a vessel and a tool for meaning's creation. Gaarden's insights challenge conventional understandings of preaching and invite homileticians to reflect on the implications for the sermon as an act of communication. The book includes an appendix that helps to facilitate the Third Room model in
Homiletics classes.

*Sharing the Word* - Lucy Atkinson Rose
1997-01-01
Lucy Atkinson Rose proposes a nonhierarchival, communal relationship between pastor and congregation that questions traditional assumptions of preaching, and offers insight from those on the margin and those outside the field of homiletics. She invites preachers to practice a style of conversational preaching rooted in connectedness and a sense of mutuality between preacher and worshipers.

**What's the Shape of Narrative Preaching?** - David Schlafer 2008-01-01
Bringing together some of the finest voices in contemporary homiletics to examine the different forms as well as the status of narrative preaching, *What's the Shape of Narrative Preaching?* will give readers much to ponder on this impact topic.

Teachers of preaching have long recognized that the Bible is told in story form. Yet the responses to the topic of narrative preaching have varied over the years, from singing its praises to outright rejection. The homiletical landscape is always changing, but what many thought might be a fad is still being discussed in the seminaries and practiced in many a pulpit. *What's the Shape of Narrative Preaching?* asks: What exactly is narrative preaching? What does it mean to be a narrative preacher? Is narrative preaching at odds with exposition? What are the biblical precedents for such an approach? What kinds of theology undergird narrative theory? What is the role of narrative preaching in a time of rampant biblical illiteracy? How does narrative preaching help to shape congregational life?

Contributors include: Charles Rice, Ron Allen, Fred Craddock, Frank Thomas,

The homiletical plot - Eugene L. Lowry 1980

Theology, Church, and Ministry - David S. Dockery 2017-10-01
We live in a precarious time when many are questioning the necessity of formal theological education for ministers. Theology, Church, and Ministry: A Handbook for Theological Education helps readers understand the critical role theological education plays in equipping God-called ministers for service in the church. This distinct resource explains both the development and purpose of theological education as well as its role in student formation. The contributors include outstanding thinkers and leaders in the field of theological education, including Con Campbell, Tim Tennent, Mark Bailey, Kevin Vanhoozer, Dan Block, Robert Smith, Dana Harris, Malcolm Yarnell, Danny Akin, and Greg Wills, among others.

Preaching to Multiethnic Congregation - Woosung Calvin Choi 2015
This book offers multiethnic congregations a homiletical paradigm under the title «positive marginality». The paradigm includes the five principles of positive marginality: Embrace, Engage, Establish, Embody, and Exhibit. Seven preachers of multiethnic churches in six different countries offer valuable insights.

Preaching to Every Pew - James R. Nieman 2001
The growing cultural diversity of American society is mirrored in the pews and parishes of mainline denominations and represents a dynamic challenge to the effective
proclamation of the gospel on Sunday mornings. Preaching to Every Pew, based on extensive field research, takes on the challenge of preaching in such a context. The authors map an approach to culture from four significant perspectives: ethnicity, class, displacement, and religious beliefs. They describe the significant ways in which culture influences human beings, detail how cultural influences affect and complicate communication in general and preaching in particular, and then recommend practical strategies for improving communication in culturally diverse settings. --From publisher's description.

**Becoming Human** - Luke A. Powery
2022-11-01
Discussions of racial difference always embody a story. The dominant story told in our society about race has many components, but two stand out: (1) racial difference is an essential characteristic, fully determining individual and group identity; and (2) racial difference means that some bodies are less human than others. The church knows another story, says Luke Powery, if it would remember it. That story says that the diversity of human bodies is one of the gifts of the Spirit. That story’s decisive chapter comes at Pentecost, when the Spirit embraces all bodies, all flesh, all tongues. In that story, different kinds of materiality and embodiment are strengths to be celebrated rather than inconvenient facts to be ignored or feared. In this book, Powery urges the church to live up to the inclusive story of Pentecost in its life of worship and ministry. He reviews ways that a theology and practice of preaching can more fully exemplify the diversity of gifts God gives to the church. He concludes by entering into a conversation with the work of Howard
Thurman on doing ministry to and with humanity in the light of the work of the Spirit.

Speaking the Truth in Love - J. Philip Wogaman 1998-01-01

J. Philip Wogaman challenges preachers not to retreat from the world and to reconsider what they leave out of their sermons. In this helpful guide, he discusses the biblical and theological grounding of prophetic preaching, the pastoral and liturgical setting, Christian moral decision making, and appropriate issues for discussion from the pulpit. He also includes his most compelling sermons, identifying the setting and goals of each.

Introduction to the Practice of African American Preaching - Frank A. Thomas 2016-11-15

The Introduction to African American Preaching is an important, groundbreaking book. This book acknowledges African American preaching as an academic discipline, and invites all students and preachers into a scholarly, dynamic, and useful exploration of the topic. Author Frank Thomas opens with a “bus tour” study of African American preaching. He shows how African American preaching has gradually moved from an almost exclusively oral to an oral/written tradition. Readers will gain insight into the history of the study of the African American preaching tradition, and catch the author’s enthusiasm for it. Next Thomas traces the relationship between homiletics and rhetoric in Western preaching, demonstrating how African American preaching is inherently theological and rhetorical. He then explores the question, “what is black preaching?” Thomas introduces the reader to methods of “close reading” and “ideological criticism.” And then demonstrates how to use these
methods, using a sermon by Gardner Calvin Taylor as his example. The next chapter considers the question, “what is excellence in black preaching?” The next chapter seeks to create bridges and dialogue within the field of homiletics, and in particular, the Euro-American homiletic tradition. The goal of this chapter is to clearly demonstrate connections between the African American preaching tradition and the field of homiletics. Thomas next turns to questions about the relevancy of the church to the Millennial generation. Specifically, how will the African American church remain relevant to this generation, which is so deeply concerned with social justice?

Conversational Preaching - The Reverend Mike Sowards 2022-02-05

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In Conversational Preaching, we are given an in-depth investigation into how humans communicate and how understanding interpersonal communications skills can be of considerable value for those called to preach God's word. "Dr. Sowards has made rather elegant use of the model of interpersonal communication as a device to explore preaching and communicating with congregants." -Dr. Dalton Kehoe, Senior Scholar, Communication Studies, York University, Toronto. Canada "Sowards' book advances the idea of conversational preaching beyond the merely metaphorical by applying practical insights from Interpersonal Communications Theory to the act of sermon crafting." -The Rev. Dr. Micah Jackson, Ph.D., Bishop John Elbridge Hines Associate Professor of Preaching and Director of Comprehensive Wellness, Seminary of the Southwest, in Austin, Texas

This book is for preachers and students of preaching who want to become belter preachers and communicators. I have explored the theories of interpersonal
communication and shown how preachers can benefit from such knowledge. I described the concept of noise as an impediment to communications and explored the topic with regard to politics, beliefs about the poor, past religious experiences and having an underdeveloped faith. I examined the concept of feedback and how effective feedback can be fodder for future sermons. I developed a model for conversational preaching using interpersonal communications theory and state that the ultimate goal of any sermon would be to facilitate a conversation with the hearers of a sermon and God. The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards is the Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church in Collegeville, PA. Mike holds a B.A. in History and a M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of North Florida. He received his M. Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary and his Doctorate in Ministry from the Sewanee School of Theology at The University of the South. He is married to the love of his life, Sonya and they have two married adult children and five grandchildren.