

## VITA

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### EDUCATION

- 1978 Ph.D. Counseling Psychology  
Rosemead School of Psychology, La Mirada, California
- 1976 M.A. Counseling Psychology  
Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology, Rosemead, California
- 1975 M.A. Theological Studies  
Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, California
- 1972 M.A. General Psychology  
Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California
- 1971 B.A. Major: Psychology Minors: Bible & Sociology  
Biola University, La Mirada, California

### PROFESSOR

- 2004 - Professor, Graduate Program in Counseling (Full Professor)  
Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon
- 2011 - 2013 On-line Adjunct Professor  
Liberty University  
Lynchburg, Virginia
- 2008 - 2012 Visiting Professor  
2020 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary Pacific Northwest  
Vancouver, Washington
- 2002 - 2004 Professor, Graduate Program in Counseling (Full Professor)  
1996 - 2002 Director, Graduate Program in Counseling (Associate & Full Professor)  
1994 - 1996 Chair, Psychology Department (Associate Professor)  
Grace University, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2000 - 2004 Visiting Professor  
1994 Director, MFCC Counseling Program (Associate Professor)  
1989 - 1993 Adjunct Faculty (Assistant & Associate Professor)  
Western Seminary – San Jose Campus, Los Gatos, California
- 1986 - 1989 Director, Counseling Ministries Program (Assistant Professor)  
Western Seminary, Portland, Oregon
- 1979 - 1980 Adjunct Faculty (Assistant Professor)  
1973 - 1977 Biola University/Talbot Theological Seminary, La Mirada, California

## PASTOR

2010 – 2021 Pastoral Elder, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon  
2006 - 2010 Support & Recovery Ministry Staff, New Hope Community Church, Portland, Oregon  
2000 - 2001 Interim Pastoral Staff, St. Paul's Evangelical Country Church, Council Bluffs, Iowa  
1997 - 1998  
1989 - 1993 Senior Pastoral Staff, Village Community Church, El Dorado Hills, California  
1981 - 1986 Senior Pastoral Staff, Rosedale Bible Church, Bakersfield, California

## CONSULTANT

2019 -2020 Portland Recuse Mission Front Line Staff Support, Portland, Oregon  
1980 -1981 Hospice Nursing Staff Support, Whittier Hospital, Whittier, California

## PSYCHOLOGIST

2012 - A New Day Counseling Center, Portland, Oregon  
2005 - 2012 Cornerstone Clinical Services, Milwaukie, Oregon  
2003 - 2004 Norman Thiesen, Ph.D. Counseling, Omaha, Nebraska  
1994 - 2003 Grace Counseling Center, Omaha, Nebraska  
1989 - 1994 Discovery Center, Cameron Park, California  
1986 - 1989 Sundstrum and Associates, Portland, Oregon  
1981 - 1986 Rosedale Bible Church, Bakersfield, California  
1979 - 1981 Interface Counseling Center, Placentia, California  
1978 - 1979 Horizon Hospital, Pomona, California

## LICENSES

2005 Oregon Licensed Psychologist #1676  
2004 Oregon Licensed Professional Counselor #C1704  
1994 Nebraska Psychologist (inactive) #343  
1983 Ordained Minister: Mennonite Brethren Church  
1979 California Psychologist (inactive) #Psy6014  
1979 California Marriage, Family and Child Counselor (inactive)  
1980 California Community College Credentials: (inactive)  
Counseling, Student Personnel Worker, Instructor

## CERTIFICATIONS/INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

2017 Gottman Level I Certification  
2015 Certified SYMBIS Facilitator  
2006 Associate Coach Certification (ACC), International Coach Federation  
2005 Distance Counseling Credentialing  
2000 PREP Instructor  
1999 Couple Communications Instructor  
1999 Approved Clinical Supervisor (NBCC) #ACS 00203  
1989 Prepare/Enrich Instructor

## MEMBERSHIPS

Since 1996 American Counseling Association  
Since 1988 National Board for Certified Counselors #20422 (inactive)  
Since 1979 National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology #23308 (inactive)

## PUBLICATIONS

Crowder, Acquaye, H. E., Boanca, G., & Thiesen, N. L. (2021). A Journey Through Romantic Heartbreak and Psychological Growth: An Exploratory Phenomenological Study of Adult Females. *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, 9164712110322-. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00916471211032297>

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Selzer, Liz & Thiesen, Norman. Coaching Believers For Spiritual Fitness. *CHRISTIAN LEADER*, 2004, Vol. 67, No. 4, 11-13.

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Lee, Diane & Thiesen, Norman. *A Crash Course In Coaching*, 2003, Self-published.

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Thiesen, Norman. Children Of The ‘Me Decade’, *THE CHRISTIAN LEADER*, 1990, Vol. 53, No. 22, 2-4.

Thiesen, Norman. A Generation Grows Up, *THE CHRISTIAN LEADER*, 1988, Vol. 51, No. 4, 4-7.

Thiesen, Norman. MB Youth: A Decade Later, THE CHRISTIAN LEADER, 1979, Vol. 42, No. 24, 2-5.

Thiesen, Norman & Cooley, Benedict. The Psychological Adjustment Of The Single Male Adult Compared With Married Males And Single And Married Females Aged 25-34. JOURNAL OF PSYCHOLOGY AND THEOLOGY, 1979, 7(3), 202-211.

Thiesen, Norman. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL ADJUSTMENT OF THE SINGLE MALE ADULT COMPARED WITH MARRIED MALES AND SINGLE AND MARRIED FEMALES AGED 25-34. (Unpublished Ph.D. Dissertation, Rosemead Graduate School of Psychology Library) 1978.

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