

## Dr. Thomas G. Long, Bandy Professor of Preaching

Dr. Long's research interests are contemporary homiletical theory, biblical hermeneutics and preaching. His most recent book, *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith*, explores questions of God and human suffering, and was named "2011 Book of the Year" by the Academy of Parish Clergy. Long's 1989 book *The Witness of Preaching*—now in its second edition—is one of the most widely used texts on preaching, appearing on class reading lists in seminaries across the country and world. In 2010, *Preaching* magazine named *The Witness of Preaching* one of the 25 most influential books in preaching for the last 25 years. Long's *Preaching from Memory to Hope* was named as one of the "top ten books for parish ministry published in 2009" by the Academy of Parish Clergy.



The author of 21 books to date, Long is a frequent contributor to *The Christian Century* and the *Journal for Preachers*, and a popular presenter at preaching conferences worldwide. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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### Education

- PhD, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1980
- MDiv, Erskine Theological Seminary, 1971
- BA, Erskine College, 1968

### Publications

- *What Shall We Say? Evil, Suffering, and the Crisis of Faith* (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2011)
- *Accompany Them with Singing: The Christian Funeral* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009)
- *Preaching from Memory to Hope* (Westminster John Knox, 2009)

- [\*Teaching Preaching as a Christian Practice \(Co-Editor, Westminster John Knox, 2008\)\*](#)
- [\*The Witness of Preaching, Second Edition \(Westminster John Knox, 2005\)\*](#)
- [\*Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian \(Jossey Bass, 2004\)\*](#)
- [\*Beyond the Worship Wars: Building Vital and Faithful Worship \(Alban Institute, 2001\)\*](#)
- [\*Hebrews: Interpretation: A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching \(Westminster John Knox, 1997\)\*](#)
- [\*Matthew \(Westminster Bible Companion Series\) \(Westminster John Knox, 1997\)\*](#)
- [\*Preaching as a Theological Task: World, Gospel, Scripture \(Westminster John Knox, 1996\), co-editor\*](#)
- [\*Whispering the Lyrics: Sermons for Lent and Easter \(CSS Publishing Company, 1995\)\*](#)
- [\*A Chorus of Witnesses: Model Sermons for Today's Preacher \(Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1994\), co-editor\*](#)
- [\*Listening to the Word: Studies in Honor of Fred B. Craddock \(Abingdon Press, 1993\), co-editor\*](#)
- [\*Preaching In and Out of Season \(Westminster John Knox, 1990\), co-editor\*](#)
- [\*Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible \(Augsburg Fortress, 1989\)\*](#)
- [\*Shepherds and Bathrobes: Sermons for Advent and Christmas \(CSS Publishing Company, 1988\)\*](#)
- [\*The Senses of Preaching \(Westminster John Knox, 1988\)\*](#)

## Links

- [Read Dr. Long's article "Grief without stages" in The Christian Century](#)
- [Read a CNN News article featuring Dr. Long commenting on a modern-day good Samaritan](#)
- [Watch an interview with Dr. Long on YouTube](#)
- [Watch Dr. Long in "A Thrill of Hope" on YouTube](#)
- [Hear Dr. Long preach in Cannon Chapel via iTunes University \(2010, 2009, 2008\)](#)
- [Read Dr. Long's October 31, 2009 New York Times editorial, "Chronicle of a Death We Can't Accept"](#)
- [Read a CNN News article featuring Dr. Long commenting on virtual preaching](#)