

Curriculum Vitae

Kenneth Pieter Minkema

Education

Eastern Christian Schools (Christian Reformed Church), North Haledon, New Jersey, 1963-76.

B.A.: Calvin College, 1980, History.

M.A.: Bowling Green State University, 1983, United States History. Thesis: "The Myth of Puritan Declension: An Historiographical Essay."

Ph.D.: The University of Connecticut, Storrs, 1988, United States History. Dissertation: "The Edwardses: A Ministerial Family in Eighteenth-Century New England." Directors: Harry S. Stout and Richard D. Brown.

Professional Positions

Present positions:

Executive Director, *Jonathan Edwards Center at Yale*, 2004-present.

Executive Editor, *Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Yale University, 1994-present.

Research Faculty, Yale Divinity School, May 2010-present.

Former positions:

Assistant Adjunct Professor, Yale Divinity School, 2004-present.

Executive Secretary, American Society of Church History, 2004-2009.

Lecturer in American Religious History, Yale Divinity School, 1996-2004.

Administrator, Center for Religion and American Life at Yale, 2002-2003.

Administrative Director, Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion at Yale, 1998-2002.

Oversight Administrator, Pew Program in Religion and American History, Yale University, 1996-2000.

Associate Research Editor, *Works of Jonathan Edwards*, Yale University, 1989-1994.

Adjunct Lecturer in United States History, The University of Hartford, 1988-1989.

Lecturer in Western Civilization and United States History, The University of Connecticut, Storrs, 1988-1989.

Teaching Fields

United States History with specialties in Colonial, Revolutionary, religious, intellectual, and social history; Historical editing; Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards; American Revivalism; early modern European religious history.

Seminars taught: Religions and Societies in the Colonized Americas
Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards
Jonathan Edwards and American Puritanism
Methodology and Historiography of Religious History
Witchcraft and Witchhunting in Early Modern Europe and America

Directed readings: Religion in American Life, 1865-2000
Race and Religion in America from Revolution to the Civil War
American Modernist Theology, 1875-1945
Freedom of the Will in the 18th Century
Homiletics of the Great Awakening

Visiting courses: Christianities in Colonized America, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Jan. 2010, Jan. 2012
Cultures of Missions, Heidelberg University, July 2012

Publications and Papers

Books:

(ed. with Adriaan C. Neele) *Jonathan Edwards on the Matthean Parables, Volume I-III* (Wipf & Stock, 2012):

Volume I: The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

Volume II: The Parable of the Sower and the Seed

Volume III: The Parable of the Net

(ed. with Adriaan C. Neele and Kelly van Andel) *Jonathan Edwards in Scotland* (Edinburgh: Dunedin, 2011).

(with Wilson H. Kinnach and Caleb J.D. Maskell) *'Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God': A Casebook for Understanding Jonathan Edwards and His Famous Sermon* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 2010).

(ed. with James F. Cooper, Jr.) *The Colonial Church Records of the First Church of Wakefield (Reading) and the First Church of Rumney Marsh (Revere), Massachusetts* (Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2006).

(ed. with Harry S. Stout and Caleb J.D. Maskell) *Jonathan Edwards at 300: Essays on the Tercentenary of His Birth* (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 2005).

(ed. with Wilson H. Kinnach and Douglas A. Sweeney) *The Sermons of Jonathan Edwards: A Reader* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1999).

(ed.) *The Works of Jonathan Edwards, 14, Sermons and Discourses, 1723-1729* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1997).

(ed. with John E. Smith and Harry S. Stout) *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* (New Haven: Yale Univ. Press, 1995; rev. ed., 2003).

(ed. with James F. Cooper, Jr.) *The Sermon Notebook of Samuel Parris, 1689-1694* (Boston: Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 1994).

Articles, Book Chapters, and Other Publications:

(with Wilson Kinnach) "The Material and Social Practices of Intellectual Work on the Eighteenth-Century Frontier: Jonathan Edwards's Study," *William and Mary Quarterly* 69 (Oct. 2012), 683-730.

"The End of the World: Jonathan Edwards on the Apocalypse and the Environment," in *Jonathan Edwards and the Natural World*, ed. Richard A.S. Hall (Mellen, forthcoming).

"Jonathan Edwards on Education and His Educational Legacy," in *After Edwards: The Courses of the New England Theology*, ed. Douglas Sweeney and Oliver Crisp (Oxford, 2012), 31-49.

"Jonathan Edwards," *Oxford Bibliographies Online* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2011), <http://oxfordbibliographiesonline.com>.

"Informing of the child's understanding, influencing his heart, and directing its practice': Jonathan Edwards on Education," *Acta Theologica* 31 (2011), 159-89.

(with Harry S. Stout) "Jonathan Edwards Studies During the Career of Sang Hyun Lee," in Don Schweitzer, ed., *Jonathan Edwards as Contemporary: Essays in Honor of Sang Hyun Lee* (Peter Lang, 2010), 239-58.

"A 'Dordtian Philosopher': Jonathan Edwards, Calvin, and Reformed Orthodoxy," *Church History and Religious Culture* 91 (2011), 241-53.

"Flee From Idols': Cotton Mather on the Historical Books," in *Cotton Mather's "Biblia Americana": Historical and Intellectual Contexts in Transatlantic Perspective*, ed. Reiner Smolinski and Jan Stievermann (Mohr-Siebeck, 2010), 277-94.

"The Age of Awakenings," in *Converging Worlds: Communities and Cultures in Colonial America*, ed. Louise Breen (Routledge, 2011).

"Community Structures in the Atlantic World, 1676-1802," in *Religion in American History*, ed. Amanda Porterfield and John Corrigan (Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 134-50.

"Jonathan Edwards élete és pályája: az egyén és a társadalom," in *Amerika Teológusa: Bevezetés Jonathan Edwards, 1703-1758 Gondolkodásába* (Budapest, Hermeneutikai Kutatóközpont, 2008), 11-22; printed in English as "Jonathan Edwards's Life and Career: Society and Self," in *Understanding Jonathan Edwards: An Introduction to America's Theologian*, ed. Gerald R. McDermott (Oxford Univ. Press, 2008).

"The Private Edwards: Jonathan Edwards's Personal Writings," in *The Cambridge Companion to Jonathan Edwards*, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007), 39-60.

(with Harry S. Stout) "The Edwardsean Tradition and the Antislavery Debate, 1740-1865," *Journal of American History* 92 (June 2005), 1-28.

"Jonathan Edwards: A Theological Life," in *The Princeton Companion to Jonathan Edwards* (Princeton: Princeton Univ. Press, 2005), 1-15.

"Jonathan Edwards in the Twentieth Century," *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 47 (Dec. 2004), 659-87.

(with George Levesque) *A Jonathan Edwards Tercentennial Exhibition: Selected Objects from the Yale Collections, 1703-2003* (New Haven, Yale University, 2003).

"Jonathan Edwards's Defense of Slavery," *Massachusetts Historical Review* 4 (2002), 23-59.

"Popular Theodicies: The Colonial Period," *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*, ed. Gary Laderman and Luis Leon (3 vols., Santa Barbara, California, 2003), 2:473-76.

"Old Age and Religion in the Writings and Life of Jonathan Edwards," *Church History* 70 (Dec. 2001), 674-704.

"Possession, Witchcraft, and the Demonic in Puritan Religious Culture" and "The Spiritual Meanings of Illness in 18th-Century New England," in Colleen McDannell, ed., *Religions of the United States in Practice* (Princeton, Princeton Univ. Press, 2001), vol. 1.

"Witchcraft and Gender Studies in the 1990s," *Religious Studies Review* 26 (Jan. 2000), 13-19.

(with Richard A. Bailey) "Reason, Revelation, and Preaching: An Unpublished Ordination Sermon by Jonathan Edwards," *Southern Baptist Journal of Theology* 3 (Summer 1999), 16-33.

"The Devil Will Roar in Me Anon': The Possession of Martha Roberson, Boston, 1741," in *Spellbound: Women and Witchcraft in America*, ed. Elizabeth S. Reis (Wilmington, Del.: Scholarly Resources, 1998), 99-119.

"Jonathan Edwards on Slavery and the Slave Trade," *William and Mary Quarterly* LIV (Oct. 1997), 823-34.

"Jonathan Edwards, Messianic Prophecy, and the Other Unfinished 'Great Work': 'The Harmony of the Old and New Testaments,'" in *Jonathan Edwards's Writings: Text, Context, Interpretation*, ed. Stephen J. Stein (Bloomington: Indiana Univ. Press, 1996), pp. 52-65.

"The Lynn End 'Earthquake' Narratives of 1727," *New England Quarterly* LXIX (Sept. 1996), 473-99.

"The Diary of Ambrose Edson," *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin* 16 (1995), 65-79.

"Hannah and Her Sisters: Sisterhood, Courtship, and Marriage in the Edwards Family in the Early Eighteenth Century," *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register* CXLVI (Jan. 1992), 35-56.

"The Authorship of 'The Soul,'" *Yale University Library Bulletin* 65 (Oct. 1990), 26-32.

"A Great Awakening Conversion: The Relation of Samuel Belcher," *William and Mary Quarterly* 44 (Jan. 1987), 121-126.

"The East Windsor Conversion Narratives, 1700-1725," *Connecticut Historical Society Bulletin* 51 (Winter 1986), 5-63.

Selected Conference Presentations and Lectures:

"Jonathan Edwards and the Heidelberg Catechism," University of Heidelberg, May 2013.

"'Universal Education' in Early New Haven," New Haven Museum, April 2013.

"Cotton Mather as a Historian of the Jews," Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, Mass., Oct. 2012.

"Jonathan Edwards and New Haven," New Haven Museum and Historical Society, May 2010

"Jonathan Edwards Studies: The State of the Field," University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, March 2010

"John Calvin and His Theology in Reformed Orthodoxy," Dordrecht, The Netherlands, June 2009

"Cotton Mather's 'Biblia Americana': Historical and Intellectual Contexts in Transatlantic Perspective," University of Tübingen, Germany, Oct. 2008

Draper National Graduate Student Conference on Early American Studies, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Sept. 2008 (commentator)

Association for Documentary Editing, Quincy, Mass., Oct. 2006

Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture Conference, Quebec, Canada, April 2006

American Society of Church History Conference, Seattle, Wa., Jan. 2005

Evangelical Theological Society Conference, Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2003

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., Sept. 2003

Yale, New Haven, and American Slavery Conference, Yale U., Sept. 2002

American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, Jan. 2003

New Frontiers in Early American Literature Conference, U. of Virginia, Charlottesville, Aug. 2002

Society of Early Americanists Conference, Norfolk, Va., March 2001

Organization of American Historians Conference, St. Louis, March 2000

Institute of Early American History and Culture Conference, University of Colorado at Boulder, June 1996

American Academy of Religion Conference, San Francisco, December 1997

American Historical Association Conference, Seattle, January 1998

Yale University Art Gallery, April 1996

American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Conference, Austin, Texas, March 1996

Salem Conference on Witchcraft, Salem State College, Salem, Massachusetts, June 1992

Young Scholars' Conference on Jonathan Edwards, Princeton University, March 1989

Association for the Study of Connecticut History, Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, Connecticut, May 1987

Other Professional Activities:

Program Policy Committee, American Society of Church History, 2012-

Yale College Freshman Advisor, 2011-2012

Outreach Committee, Long Range Planning Task Force, Yale Divinity School, 2010-11

Advisory Board, Yale Indian Papers Project, 2008-present

Publications Committee, Colonial Society of Massachusetts, 2007-present

Advisory Board, Mass. Congregational Church Records Project (Congregational Library, Boston), 2008-present

Advisory Board, George Whitefield Letters Project, 2008-present

Juror, American Antiquarian Society 2008-9 Fellowship Competition

Prize Committee, American Society of Church History, 2004-2010

Organizing Committee Member for following conferences:

"Jonathan Edwards and Scotland," Glasgow, Scotland, March 2009

"Religion and Violence in Early America," Omohundro Institute Annual Conference, Yale University, April 2008

Northeast Regional Annual Conference on Religion and American History, 1996-2003

Spring Fellows Annual Conference on Religion and American History, 1996-2003.

Works of Jonathan Edwards conferences, 1996, 2000, 2003, 2007

American Society of Church History annual and spring conferences, 2004-2008

Book Reviews in: *Journal of American Studies*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Journal of Presbyterian History*, *The Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, *Fides et Historia*, *The Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences*, *The Journal of American History*, *The Eighteenth Century: A Current Bibliography*, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Theological Studies*, *Church History*, *Religious Studies Review*, *New England Quarterly*, *Cross Currents*, *The Princeton Seminary Bulletin*, *The Journal of Religion*, *Books and Culture: A Christian Review*, *Connecticut History*, *Christian Century*, *Documentary Editing*.

Contributor: *Oxford Companion to United States History*, *American National Biography*, *Dictionary of Christianity in America*, *Encyclopedia of Colonial and Revolutionary America*, *Encyclopedia of the Reformed Faith*, *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Dictionary of Christian Missions*, *Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*, *Connecticut Encyclopedia of History Online*.

Work in Progress:

Volume editor, Cotton Mather's "Biblia Americana" (10 vols., to be published by Mohr-Siebeck/Baker Academic), vol. 3, Joshua-II Chronicles.

Languages: French and German

Awards and Honors

Friedlander Fellow, Massachusetts Historical Society (inducted 2009)
Mark Friedlaender Fellowship, Massachusetts Historical Society, 2007-8
McManis Lecturer, Wheaton College (Ill.), September 2003
Faculty Fellow, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University (inducted 1998)
Member, Colonial Society of Massachusetts (inducted 1994)
University of Connecticut Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1987
Albert Van Duzen Award for Academic Excellence, 1986
University of Connecticut Predoctoral Fellowships, 1983-1986

Professional and Civic Affiliations:

American Subcommission of the International Commission for Comparative Church History, 2004-9
Conference of Administrative Officers, American Council of Learned Societies, 2004-9
American Historical Association
American Society of Church History
Society for Documentary Editing
Society of Early Americanists
Digital Americanists
Associate, Omohundro Institute for Early American History and Culture
Sustaining Member, Colonial Williamsburg
Board of Directors, Hamden (Conn.) Historical Society
Chair, Hamden (Conn.) Historic Properties Commission, 2004-2009; alternate member, 2009-present
Hamden (Conn.) Municipal Historian, appointed 2010

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Born: Ridgewood, New Jersey, 30 October 1958; married, two children.
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