

Curriculum Vitae  
**Charles Jeffrey (Jeff) Garrison**

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**Education:**

2002	D.Min.	San Francisco Theological Seminary <i>Dissertation: "Presbyterians and Miners: the Church's Response to the Comstock Lode"</i>
1990	M.Div.	Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
1979	B.A.	University of North Carolina at Wilmington

**Continuing Education:**

2017	"Worship Symposium," Calvin College
	"Writing about Body and Spirit," Iona, Scotland
2016	"Will They See You?" (Social Media and Evangelism), Columbia Presbyterian Theological Seminary
2015	Stephen Ministry Leadership Training
2014	Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College
2013	A Missional Reading of Scripture, Calvin College Art of Transitional Ministry, Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center
2009	National Worship Conference, Leawood, KS
2008	Willow Creek Leadership Summit
2007	CREDO, Lake Logan, NC
2006-2014	Festival of Faith and Writing, Calvin College (attended six, three day events)
2005	Festival of Homiletics, Chicago
2004-2014	One Day Preaching Seminars, Calvin College (attended ten, one day events)
2004	Willow Creek Worship Arts Conference
2003	Imaginative Reading for Creative Preaching, Calvin College (4 week program)
2002	Church Management Seminar, Churchwright Associates
2001	Mediation Skills Training Institute, Lombard Mennonite Peace Center
1997	Creative Writing Seminar, Southern Utah University
1996	Omaha Seminary School of Religion, Hastings College, Nebraska
1995	School of Religion, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Billy Graham School of Evangelism, Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada
1994	Summer School, Pacific School of Religion
1992	School of Evangelism, Columbia Theological Seminary
1991-2	New Pastor's Training, Synod of the Northeast

**Work History:**

8/2014-present	Skidaway Island Presbyterian Church Savannah, GA	Pastor
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9/2016-12/2016	South University School of Theology Savannah, GA	Adjutant Professor
1/2004-7/2014	First Presbyterian Church Hastings, MI	Pastor/Head of Staff
1993-1/2004	Community Presbyterian Church Cedar City, UT	Pastor
1990-1993	United Church of Ellicottville Ellicottville, NY	Designated Pastor
1989-1990	Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Ben Avon, PA	Student Assistant
1988-1989	First Presbyterian Church Virginia City, NV	Student Pastor
1986-1988	Covenant Presbyterian Church Butler, PA	Student Assistant
1984-1986	Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America Gastonia, NC	District Executive Class 3
1981-1984	Cape Fear Council, Boy Scouts of America Wilmington, NC	District Executive Class 1
1976-1981	Fox Holsum Bakery Wilmington, NC.	Production Supervisor (1979-1981)

#### **Other Church Experience:**

2015-present	M. K. Pentecost Ecological Fund, Savannah Presbytery
2015-present	Committee for the Preparation of Ministry, Savannah Presbytery
2014	Overture Advocate to the General Assembly (PCUSA)
2012	Commissioner to the General Assembly (PCUSA)
2008-2014	Staff Services, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
2004-2006	Camp Greenwood Agency, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
2004	Disciplinary Committee, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
2001-2003	Presbytery Council (moderator in 2003)
2001	Commissioner to the General Assembly (PCUSA)
1995-2001	Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Utah (co-chair 1999-2000)
1998-2001	Mission Study Task Force, Presbytery of Utah (chairperson, 2001)
1994-1996	Education Committee, Presbytery of Utah
1991-1993	Mission Department, Presbytery of Western New York (chairperson 1993)
1988	Seminary Student Assistant at General Assembly (PCUSA)

#### **Publications:**

- “The Sun Will Come Out: Easter Sunrise Services, *The Skinnie* 16 #6 (March 16, 2018).
- “Trout Lake,” *The Trackside Photographer* (February 8, 2018), online magazine.
- “Faith and Fortitude” with Dee Angell, *The Skinnie* 16, #2 (January 19, 2018).
- “Listen Up: International Speakers Series Comes to Skidaway” *The Skinnie* 15 #26 (December 2017).
- “A Visit to Carter Country” *The Skinnie* 15 #23 (November 17, 2017).
- “500 Years of Christian Reformation” *The Skinnie* 15 #20 (October 6, 2017).
- “A Pilgrimage to Iona” *The Skinnie* 15 #19 (September 22, 2017).

“Kirkin’ of the Tartans,” *The Skinnie*, 14, #9, (April 29, 2016).

“A Square Deal: The Sacred Harp,” *The Skinnie*, 13, #24, (November 27, 2015).

“Moving the Church,” *Presbyterians Today*, 105, #8, (November/December 2015).

“A Moravian Love Feast,” *The Skinnie*, 12, #26, (December 19, 2014).

“Comstock Christmas,” *Nevada Magazine* (Online Edition, November-December 2009)

“A Tribute to a Friend,” *The Presbyterian Outlook* (22 October 2007).

“Visitors and Villagers Experience Help and Hope in Honduras,” *The Presbyterian Outlook* (20 August 2007).

“Bringing In Sheaves: The Western Revivals of the Reverend A. B. Earle, 1866-1867,” *American Baptist Quarterly* XXXV, #3 (Fall 2006), 247-272.

“Writer’s Group,” *The Spectrum*, St. George, UT (I wrote 25 opinion columns between January 2002 and January 2004, every fourth Friday).

“What Commandments Mean Is More Important than a Slab of Granite,” *The Presbyterian Outlook*, September 29, 2003.

“Santa Claus, Coca-Cola and the Strip,” *Presbyterian Outlook*, 181, #42 (20 December 1999).

“Bright Ideas: Stone Soup Stewardship,” *Presbyterians Today*, 89 #6 (October 1999).

Book Review of *Winning the West for Christ: Sheldon Jackson and Presbyterianism on the Rocky Mountain Frontier, 1869-1880* by Norman Bender. *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*, 40, #2 (Summer 1997).

“Mark Twain: A Dusty Christian,” *Presbyterians Today*, 87, #6 (July/August 1997).

Book Review of *My Life on Mountain Railroads* by William Gould. *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* 39, #3 (Fall 1996).

Book Review of *Religion and Society in Frontier California and California Spiritual Frontiers: Alternative in Anglo-Protestantism.*” *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* 38, #4 (Winter 1995).

Of Ministers, Funerals, and Humor: Mark Twain of the Comstock,” *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* 38, #3 (Fall 1995).

“Halloween: Celebrating what is Good,” *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, UT, (27 October 1995).

“Encountering God along the Appalachian Trail,” *Presbyterian Survey* 85, #1 (January/February 1995).

“Naming the Unspeakable: The Church and Family Violence,” *The Daily Spectrum*, St. George, UT, (8 October 1994).

Book Review of *Presbyterian Missions and Culture Interaction in the Far West, 1850-1950* by Mark Banker, *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly* 37, #3 (Fall 1994).

“David Henry Palmer: A Pastoral Baptism in the Mining West,” *American Presbyterians: Journal of Presbyterian History* 72, #3 (Fall 1994)

“How the Devil Tempts Us to Go Aside from Christ: First Presbyterian Church, Virginia City, Nevada: 1862-1867,” *Nevada Historical Society Quarterly*, 36, #1 (Spring 1993).

From February 2002 through January 2014, I had a monthly opinion column in *The Spectrum*, a newspaper service Southwest Utah.

### **Presentations, Lectures and Classes:**

2018 Burns Night Keynote for St. Andrews Society of Savannah, Georgia, “Clarinda, Burns and the ‘Me Too’ Movement”

- 2018 The Learning Center, “Iona” (60 minute lecture)
- 2017 Presbytery Leadership Development, “The Church and Social Media” (60 minute lecture).
- 2016 South University School of Theology “Homiletics” (graduate level semester class).  
Presbytery Leadership Development: “About the Funeral” (60 minute lecture).  
The Learning Center: “About the Funeral” (60 minute lecture).
- 2015 The Learning Center, “Becoming Mark Twain” (60 minute lecture).  
“Mark Twain and the American West” (6, 90 minute classes) .
- 2012 Kellogg Community College (ILR), “Singapore to Europe Overland (4, 2 hour lectures).
- 2000 Zephyr Cove Conference Center Elder Hostel, “Lectures on Nevada History” (3, 2 hour lectures)
- 1999 Rocky Mountain Wee Kirk Conference, Presentation on “Sheldon Jackson” (75 minute lecture).
- 1996 Prevent Child Abuse—Utah State Conference “Theological Dimensions of Child Abuse” (1 hour lecture).

#### **Community Involvement:**

- 2015-present Skidaway Division, Southside Fire Department (Volunteer Firefighter).
- 2008-2014 Hastings Education Enrichment Foundation (Secretary, 2009-present).
- 2004-2014 Piece Cedar Creek Foundation (Board of Trustees, Vice President, 2010-2014).
- 2002-1/2004 Valley View Medical Center, Cedar City, UT (Board of Directors).
- 1994-1/2004 Kiwanis Club of Cedar City (President 2000-01).
- 1995-2002 Iron County Child Abuse Prevention Team (Chairperson 1998-2000).
- 1992-1993 Cattaraugus County Community Action, New York (Board of Directors).
- 1991-1993 Ellicottville CROP Walk Committee (Founder and Chairperson).

#### **Grants and Awards:**

- 2011 Lilly Endowment, *Clergy Renewal Grant*
- 2010 Alma College, *Third Place, Preaching Contest celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of John Calvin’s Birth*
- 2003 Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, *Research on the RLDS in Western Nevada from 1860 through 1880*

**Travel and Mission Experiences:** In 2011, I traveled overland from Singapore to Europe (train, boats and buses). I have also traveled in Indonesia, Central America, Korea and Japan as well as over much of the United States and Canada. Although I enjoy travel by conventional means, I also enjoy exploring on foot and by canoe. Such travels include hiking the entire length of the Appalachian and John Muir Trails and canoeing to the James Bay on the Missinaibi River in northern Ontario. I have been involved with numerous mission trips into Central America including working with Nicaraguan refugees in Costa Rica, within Mayan communities in the Yucatan of Mexico and Guatemala, and in Honduras.

**Personal Information:** I am married with a thirty-two-year-old son, a twenty-year-old daughter, and two grandchildren. My hobbies include backpacking, skiing, canoeing, sailing, reading, writing, cooking (especially with Dutch Ovens) and train travel.