

CURRICULUM VITAE  
**Karen A. Pressley**

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**Education**

- M.A.** (expected graduation Dec. 2010) Professional Writing. Kennesaw State University (KSU), Kennesaw, GA.
- B.S.** 2008. Communication (Media and Public Relations), Honors College, KSU. Magna Cum Laude. **Honors Capstone:** "Application of Public Relations Principles and Actions at the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character, KSU." Honors Mentor: Dr. Katherine Kinnick, Associate Professor of Communication.
- Certificates** 2002. Women's Ministry. New Orleans Theological Seminary. New Orleans, LA.

**Professional Positions**

- 2009** Graduate Research Assistant, KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2009** Writer/Web Author, KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2008-present** Founder and president, KAP Communications, Inc., Marietta, GA. Writing specializations: Literary non-fiction, features, technical and public relations writing. Professional speaking services.
- 2006-2008** Director of Siegel Institute Relations, KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2005-2006** Feature writer and client relations associate, *Building Edge* magazine, Mableton, GA. Editor, Greg Musgrove.
- 2002-present** Director, Wings of Love Ministries, Atlanta, GA. Professional speaking services; media relations; lecturer and writer on comparative religions and cults; consultant to individuals and families affected by cults.
- 2000-2002** Administrative assistant, Direct Evangelism department, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA.
- 1998-2000** Marketing and sales associate, Statewide Siding and Windows, Kennesaw, GA.
- 1989-1998** Public Relations, executive, and designer positions, including international assignments. CSI's Celebrity Center International and Golden Era Productions, Los Angeles, CA. Work abroad includes: International staff image project manager - Sydney, Australia (1996); Clearwater, FL. (1995); Copenhagen, DK (1994); England, Ireland, Scotland (1993); Recruitment Project, Paris, France (1989).
- 1982-1986** Vice-President, Schlessmusik, Inc., Co-founder, Lincoln Pond Music Publishing Company, Hollywood, CA. Music publishing administrator for composer Peter Schless; public relations manager of recording studio.
- 1980-1984** Founder and fashion designer, Kake Design Studio, Studio City, CA.

## Teaching-Related Experience

(see also Presentations and Conferences section)

- 2010 Professor's assistant for PRWR 7950 Directed Study on GeorgiaView Vista (Blackboard Learning System); Dr. Anne Richards, Associate Professor, MAPW program, KSU.
- 2010 Syllabus planning for English 1101/1102 classes through "Teaching Writing in High Schools and Colleges" course; Dr. Todd Harper, Associate Professor, MAPW Program, KSU.
- 2009 Private tutor for undergraduate students in English composition, American History, Statistics. KSU.
- 2008 Internship supervisor for undergraduate Public Relations/Communications students. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2007 Established undergraduate Internship Program for Public Relations students at the Siegel Institute, KSU.
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, Modern Cult graduate level class; one-week online focal group on Scientology. Posted discussion topics on blackboard, monitored class discussions, and replied to student responses. Supervising professor: Dr. Bill Gordon. Luther Rice Seminary, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 Substitute Teacher/Lecturer, "Contrasting and comparing Scientology and Christianity." Modern Cults graduate level class, Feb. 19. Professor Bill Gordon. Luther Rice Seminary, Atlanta, GA.

### Teaching Interests:

**Writing:** Freshman composition; Writing for Public Communication; Public Relations Writing; Feature Writing; Non-Fiction Writing; Communication Theory.

**Religious Studies:** Rhetoric and religion; Contemporary studies on cults and world religions, particularly comparative studies on Scientology and Christianity.

### Research Interests:

- Affects of hegemony, charismatic leadership, and power dynamics on members of coercive-controlled groups (cults, religions, totalist groups);
- Application of cultural studies/critical theory to rhetoric in composition classrooms and their effects on creativity and writing abilities;
- Application of communication theory to human rights abuses in totalist groups;
- Comparative religions and cult studies, particularly Scientology, Christianity, and Christian Science.

## Publications

### Books

- 2006 (Accepted but unpublished). *Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story*. Birmingham, AL.: New Hope Publishers. <http://www.amazon.com/Escaping-Scientology-Insiders-True-Story>.
- 2005 Co-authored with Norma Day. *Seven Secrets to Timeless Beauty*. Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers.
- 2001 (Accepted but unpublished). *Chasing After the Wind*. Nashville, TN.: Broadman & Holman Publishers.
- (2010) **In Progress:** *Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story*.

**(2010) In Progress:** *Experiencing Creativity: Breaking Free from Spiritual Abuse and the Emergence of the Creative Self.*

### ***Chapters and Manuscripts Submitted for Publication***

- Forthcoming 2011.** Wayne House, General Editor, *Baker Dictionary of Cults*. Word entries: "Clear, State of;" "Exteriorization;" "Operating Thetan;" "Dr. David Singer;" "The Way to Happiness." Grand Rapids, MI.: Baker Publishing Group.
- Forthcoming 2010.** "From the Fire to a Blessing Field: Transitioning from an Unhealthy Relationship to a Life of Creativity." The Phoenix Project Ex-Cult Member Exhibition, International Cultic Studies Association international conference, New York, July 1-3, 2010.
- 2007** Co-author/Editor, Dr. Phil Roberts. "Understanding the Church of Scientology." Untitled reference book on world religions and cults. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2007** Co-author/Editor, Dr. Phil Roberts. "Christian Science: A Religious Matrix." Untitled reference book on world religions and cults. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2004** Ghostwriter/developmental editor for Atlanta author. *The Inheritance*. Developed a 55-page treatment into a 650-page fiction manuscript.
- 2002** Twelve training modules, *Understanding Scientology*. North American Mission Board, Interfaith Evangelism Dept. for online course program. Dr. Tal Davis, coordinator.

### ***Book Proposals - Writing, Editing, Presenting***

- 2010,** *Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story*. Proposal includes abstract, overview, annotated table of contents, marketing analysis, author profile, prologue, introduction, legal discussion, three sample chapters. 2010, new version submitted to literary agent. 2006, proposal accepted for contract by New Hope Publishers, Birmingham, AL.
- 2010** Quinn, Jessica. Karen Pressley, Editor. *The Insider's Guide to Faith-Based Public Relations*. Proposal includes abstract, annotated table of contents, marketing analysis, author profile, introduction, sample chapter, visual presentation.
- 2009** Pressley, Karen. *Experiencing Creativity: Breaking Free From Spiritual Abuse and the Emergence of the Creative Self*. Proposal includes abstract, annotated table of contents, marketing analysis, author profile, case study/sample chapter, visual presentation.
- 2004** Pressley, Karen, for co-author Norma Day. *Seven Secrets to Timeless Beauty*. Proposal accepted for contract with Harvest House Publishers, Eugene, OR.
- 2003** Pressley, Karen. *Five Smooth Stones: Empowering Women for Life*. Proposal includes overview, chapter summaries, sample chapter. Presented to literary agent.
- 2003** Pressley, Karen for co-author Neil Brown. *Bridge of Dreams*. Proposal includes overview, chapter summaries, author profile, prologue, sample chapter.
- 2000** Pressley, Karen. *Chasing After the Wind* (2000). Proposal accepted for contract with Broadman & Holman Publishers, Nashville, TN.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

- 2010** Miriam W. Boeri, co-author. Dana Wehle, Libbe Madsen, Ed. "Creativity and Cults from Sociological and Communication Perspectives: The Processes Involved in the Birth of a

- Secret Creative Self." *Cultic Studies Review* special edition, *Cults and Creativity*. Vol. 9, (1). International Cultic Studies Association.
- 2008 "Out of Scientology's Labyrinth." *Areopagus*. Birmingham, AL: Apologetics Resource Center.

### *Other Selected Published Articles*

- Articles written for Kennesaw State University/The Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character (<http://www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute>)*
- 2009 "Siegel Institute's Signature Events Marquis." Collection of several event series for 2009-2010 including "Daring Dialogues," "Lunch and a Movie or a Book," "Women's Leadership Initiatives," The Phenomenal Women's Conferences," "Calendar of Campus Events."
- "Former Board of Regents Administrator Joins Siegel Institute as Visiting Senior Research Fellow."
  - "The Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Ethics: An Academic Compass for Navigating Life's Personal and Professional Journey." Series of technical articles mapping out this academic program, including program overview, admissions process, brochure, course descriptions, enrollment procedures, partner programs and requirements.
  - "New Interim Executive Director Brings Global Perspective to Education in Ethical Leadership"
  - "KSU department chairs' Professional Leadership Development Workshop Series closes summer session with plans to continue Fall 2009 "
  - "Atlanta Mayor holds roundtable on 'Women surviving in tough times'"
  - "Intercultural Communicator Contributes to Best Practices in International Education from KSU's Siegel Institute"
  - "Finding Purpose in the Power of Choice" opinion editorial
  - "Siegel Institute welcomes Center for Student Leadership staff in House 55"
- 2007 With Dr. Deborah Roebuck. *Monograph of the Siegel Institute*, Kennesaw State University.
- "The White House Project southern strategy advisor Rhonda Ridley to speak on "Add Women, Change Everything" Sept. 18.
  - "Siegel Institute's Past Provides Prologue to it's future: UPS grant, the White House Project, and Northside Hospital collaborations advance the Institute's efforts in ethical leadership development."
  - "Siegel Institute partners with The White House Project to advance women's leadership in the U.S." July 9.

### *Other Technical Writing and Electronic Articles*

- 2009 Website developer/author. [www.kapcomm.com](http://www.kapcomm.com).
- 2009 Website re-development/author. [www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute](http://www.kennesaw.edu/siegelinstitute) (new site)
- 2008 "President Emeritus Addresses Global Ethics and Leadership." *KSU Access Online Press Room*. Jan. 4. <http://www/kennesaw.edu/access>
- 2007 Website developer/author. [www.siegelinstitute.org](http://www.siegelinstitute.org).
- 2007 "Passionate advocate of women's economic development to speak at Siegel Institute Aug. 7." *KSU Press Room*, July 20. <http://acsdevl.kennesaw.edu/access/newsreleases2.asp?dt=848>
- 2005 "Out of Scientology's Labyrinth." North American Mission Board, [www.4Truth.Net](http://www.4Truth.Net).

[http://www.4truth.net/site/c.hiKXLbPNLrF/b.2950193/k.3C56/Out of Scientology's Labyrinth.htm](http://www.4truth.net/site/c.hiKXLbPNLrF/b.2950193/k.3C56/Out%20of%20Scientology%27s%20Labyrinth.htm)

- 2006 Biography of Norma Day. Harvest House Publishers author web page.  
<http://www.harvesthousepublishers.com/author.cfm?EDID=101444>
- 2005 "Tom Cruise vs. Karen Pressley: Scientology's War of the Worlds." North American Mission Board, *www.4Truth.Net*.

#### **News, Feature, and Newsletter Stories - Print**

- 2007 "Communication department moves to new heights." *The KSU Sentinel*. Feb. 6, p. 1.
- 2007 "If you lead, will they follow?" *The Voice Newsletter*, (5), 4, pp. 1-2.
- 2007 "Women's economic power explained at Siegel Institute." *KSU Access*, September, p. 2.
- 2006 "UPS achieves high marks as a 'good corporate citizen'." *The Voice Newsletter* (4) 5, p. 1.
- 2006 "James Wanserski: A real-life fraud-buster." *The Voice Newsletter* (4), 4. p. 1.
- 2006 "Award-winning KSU costume designer first in Georgia history." *The KSU Sentinel*, Oct. 6, p. 6.
- 2006 "Covenant with Black America' national movement at KSU." *The KSU Sentinel*, Oct. 24, p. 8.
- 2006 "A 'Portrait of the World' comes to KSU." *The KSU Sentinel*, Oct. 24, p. 7.
- 2006 "JL Brooks Construction: A treasure in the heart of Cobb and Paulding county communities." *Building Edge* magazine. March cover story, pp. 3-6.
- 2005 "Opportunity knocks for quality homes, quality people: Cliftwood Homes." *Building Edge* magazine. August cover story, pp. 10-14.
- 2005 "A gourmet blend of building services: Ben Nelson Contracting." *Building Edge* magazine. December cover story, pp. 6-8.
- 2005 "Connecting the dots for the building industry." *Building Edge* magazine. December, pp. 12-13.
- 2004 "Karen's Story." *Bible Express*. LifeWay Christian Resources. February, pp. 48-49.
- 2002 "Wandering in the Wilderness." *On Mission* magazine. May-June, p. 38.
- 2002 "Wandering in the Wilderness." *GO!* magazine. July-August, p. 27.

#### **Event scriptwriting**

- 2009 "Celebrating History Through Her Story." Women's History Month event. March 14. Co-produced by YWCA Northwest Georgia and League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb. Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA.

#### **Audio/Visual Recordings**

- 2008 Interview with President Phil Roberts, "Living Through Scientology." CD and DVD. Chapel Service. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2007 "Escaping Scientology: A Woman's Remarkable Journey." CD and DVD. Watchman Fellowship Production. Birmingham, AL. Recorded at *Cult Studies Conference*, Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, FL.
- 2006 "Escaping Scientology: An Insider's True Story." CD. Recorded at *Evangelical Ministries to New Religions* annual conference, Birmingham, AL.

- 2006 "Can a Christian be a Scientologist? The Battle for the Mind and Soul." CD. Recorded at May 21, 2006 Youth Conference, Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Roswell, GA.
- 2005 "Out of Cruise Control." CD. Recorded Sept. 18, 2005 at Corinth Baptist Church, Jones boro, GA.
- 2005 "Guardians of Life: Protect Your Loved Ones from Scientology's Lure." CD. Recorded at at First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS.
- 2001 "A Commission for Life." *The Net* video. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Christian Resources. Recorded at North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA.

### **Copyrights held**

- 2002 "On the Wings of Love" music composed by Peter Schless, published by Lincoln Pond Music, a division of Schlessmusick, Inc.

### **Lectures, Presentations, and Conference Speaking**

#### *International*

- 2010 Co-presented with Dr. Miriam Boeri. "Hegemonic Communication Model: The Power Dynamics in the Emergence of a Secret Creative Self." Paper presented at the International Cultic Studies Association annual conference, *Psychological Manipulation, Cultic Groups, and Harm*. Also, panelist with panel moderator Dana Wehle, L.C.S.W. "The Impact of Cults on Creativity: Psychological, Sociological Aesthetic/Philosophical Views." New York, NY. July 3.

#### *National*

- 2010 Presenter. "Scientology Today: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Two-day workshop co-led with Dr. Tal Davis, Interfaith Evangelism Manager, North American Mission Board, in Nashville, TN. October 15-16.
- 2010 Presenter. "Scientology Today: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." Two-day workshop co-led with Dr. Tal Davis, Interfaith Evangelism Manager, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA. September 17-18.
- 2009 Guest speaker. "A Life of Entrepreneurship," Management XXX Entrepreneurship & Creativity class, KSU, Coles College of Business, Professor Herbert.
- 2009 Guest speaker. "Memoir and Ethics," PRWR 6000 Issues & Research class, KSU. Master of Arts in Professional Writing, Associate Professor Anne Richards.
- 2008 Guest speaker with President Phil Roberts. "Living Through Scientology." Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2007 Team speaker. "Siegel Institute's Role in Ethics Across the Curriculum at KSU." *The Oxford Conclave on Global Ethics III*. Sundance, Utah.
- 2007 Plenary speaker. "Scientology: A View from the Inside." *The Church as a Change Agent in Culture Conference*. Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, Birmingham, AL.
- 2007 Guest speaker, "Understanding Scientology." *World Religions and Cults Conference*, produced by Watchman Fellowship. Calvary Baptist Church, Clearwater, Florida.
- 2007 Keynote speaker, "What is Scientology?" Live broadcast interview by Dr. Jerry Johnston. First Family Church, Overland Park, Kansas.

- 2007 Guest speaker. Session One: "What is Scientology?" Session Two: "Working with Scientology in the Community." *57<sup>th</sup> Annual Shiloh Baptist Association Conference*. Plant City, Florida.
- 2006 Guest speaker. "Scientology and a Christian Response." Modern Cults and World Religions class. Guest of Dr. Phil Roberts, President, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO.
- 2006 Breakout session leader. "Scientology Celebrities: War of the Worlds or Peaceful Revolution?" *A Clash of Cultures: The Marketplace of Religions* Evangelical Ministries to New Religions annual conference. Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, AL. [www.emnr.org/conference.html](http://www.emnr.org/conference.html)
- 2005 Guest speaker and breakout session leader. "What is Scientology?" *Collegiate Week Baptist Conference*. North American Mission Board, Glorietta, NM.
- 2005 Guest speaker and breakout session leader. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed." *What People Believe Student Conference*. Holston Baptist Association, Ridgecrest Conference Center, Ridgecrest, NC.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Celebrity Spirituality." Breakout session leader, "Scientology and the Christian Response" presentation. *Good News for Perilous Times Conference*. Kansas/Nebraska Baptist State Convention, Kansas City, KS.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Scientology and the Christian Response" presentation. *Gulf Coast Baptist State Convention*. Gulfport, MS.
- 2004 Breakout session leader. "Five Smooth Stones: Finding Your Courage." *Three Sisters Women's Conference*. Northwest Baptist Association, Highland Baptist Church, Redmond, OR.
- 2003 Guest speaker. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed," *Christianity in a World of New Religions Conference*. Evangelical Ministries to New Religions Conference, Biola University, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2003 Workshop co-leader with Dr. Tal Davis. "Scientology's Theory of the Reactive Mind and Sin." *Christianity in a World of New Religions Conference* for Evangelical Ministries to New Religions. Biola University, La Mirada, CA.
- 2003 Breakout session leader. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed." *Counterfeits and Countercultures Conference*. North American Mission Board Interfaith Department. Tempe Mission Palms, Tempe, AZ.
- 2002 Breakout session leader. "Five Smooth Stones: Finding Your Courage." *Nevada State Annual Women's Conference*. Green Valley Baptist Church, Hendersonville, NV.
- 2002 Guest speaker with Dr. Tal Davis. "Chasing After the Wind in Scientology." *Refining Responses to New and World Religions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference*, Evangelical Ministries to New Religions, Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY.

### *Regional/Local*

- 2010 Presenter. "Not in My Backyard: Cults, Communities, Concerns." Paper presented at the Georgia Sociological Association annual conference, *Healthy, Just, and Sustainable Communities*. Decatur, GA. Oct. 28-30.
- 2009 Keynote speaker, "What is Scientology?" Dunwoody Baptist Church, Dunwoody, GA.

- 2008 Guest speaker, "What is Scientology?" *The Youth Gathering*. Mount Paran North Church of God, Marietta, GA.
- 2007 Breakout session speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Investing in Yourself." *Shaping a Legacy of Leadership: Investing in Yourself for Ultimate Results Phenomenal Women's Conference*. Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics and Character, KSU.
- 2007 Guest lecturer, "Deviance in Religion: Deviance from What?" Instructor Robyn Bartlett, Sociology 2201 class, April 11. KSU.
- 2007 Keynote speaker, "Escaping Scientology," *Seniors Live, Fall Conference*. Kingswood United Methodist Church, Dunwoody, GA.
- 2007 Keynote speaker. "Shaping a Legacy of Character." *Couples Fall Retreat*. Peachtree Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, at Brasstown Valley Resort, Young Harris, GA.
- 2007 Keynote speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Shaping a Legacy." *Lunch Encounter Women's Conference*. Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA.
- 2007 Keynote speaker. "Your Life Portfolio: Shaping a Legacy." *Young at Heart Luncheon*. Dunwoody Baptist Church, Dunwoody, GA.
- 2007 Keynote speaker. "Escaping Scientology," *Women's Lunch Conference*. Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Keynote speaker. "Scientology: The Cult of Celebrity Spirituality." *Women's Enrichment Conference*. First Baptist Church, Conyers, GA.
- 2006 Keynote speaker. "Walking Upright in an Upside Down World." *Fall Women's Conference* (two days). McLaurin Heights Baptist Church, Pearl, MS.
- 2006 Guest lecturer, "Deviance and New Religious Movements: A Look at Quakers, Krishna Consciousness, Wicca, Scientology, and Christian Counter-Cult Apologetics." Instructor Robyn Bartlett. Sociology 2201 class, Nov. 2006. KSU.
- 2006 Guest lecturer. "What People Believe: Understanding Scientology" presentation. *Student Searching for Truth Conference*. Johnson Ferry Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.
- 2006 Guest lecturer. "What People Believe: Understanding Scientology" presentation. *Student Ministry Conference*. Piedmont Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed" *Confronting Cults and World Religions in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Conference*. Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, GA.
- 2004 Guest lecturer. "Scientology and the Christian Response" presentation. *World Religions and Cults Series*. First Baptist Church of Atlanta, GA.
- 2004 Guest lecturer. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed" presentation. *World Religions and Cults Series*. Piedmont Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.
- 2003 Guest speaker. "Comparison of Scientology and Christianity." World Religions and Cults graduate class. Southeastern Seminary Satellite Center at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, GA. Professor Tal Davis.
- 2005 Guest speaker. "Scientology's Attraction to Hollywood" presentation. Corinth Baptist Church, Jonesboro, GA.
- 2005 Keynote speaker. "Scientology: A Cult of Celebrity Spirituality." *Women's Fall Celebration Conference*. Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, Mableton, GA.
- 2005 Keynote speaker. "Living Like There's No Tomorrow." *Women's Fall Conference*. First Baptist Church Jackson, MS.

- 2005 Keynote speaker. "You Want to Be a Writer?" *World of Writers Event*. Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 Guest speaker and award recipient. First Annual Gospel Connection Awards Ceremony. *Gospel Connection* magazine. Georgia International Convention Center, Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 Guest speaker. "Scientology and the Christian Response." *World Missions Celebration Conference*. Crestview Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 Keynote speaker. "Scientology: The Cult of Celebrity Spirituality." *Women's Missionary Union Conference*. Calvary Baptist Church, Austell, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Scientology and the Christian Response." *Global Impact Celebration Conference*. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Carrollton, GA.
- 2004 Keynote speaker. "Scientology: The Cult of Celebrity Spirituality." *Cult Proofing Your Church Conference*. Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Understanding Scientology in Your Community" presentation. *Carrollton Baptist Association Pastor's Conference*. Carrollton, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Finding Your Voice." *World of Writers Event*. Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Finding Courage to Start Over." *The Christian Women's Network Conference*. Sheraton Hotel, Atlanta, GA.
- 2004 Guest speaker. "Understanding Scientology." *Kaleidoscope of Missions Conference*. Crestview Baptist Church, Marietta, GA.
- 2003 Workshop co-leader with Stacy Buchanan. "Fulfilling the Divine Design of Your Life." *Heart of Atlanta Lunch Workshops*. Network. Atlanta, GA.
- 2002 Guest lecturer. "Secrets of Scientology Revealed" presentation. *World Religions and Cults Series*. First Baptist Church, Canton, GA.
- 2002 Guest speaker. "Escaping Scientology." *Singles Conference*. North Lanier Baptist Church, Cumming, GA.
- 2002 Guest speaker. "What is Scientology?" *World Missions Conference*. Second Baptist Griffin, Griffin, GA.
- 2002 Guest lecturer. "Narconon Drug Rehabilitation and Scientology" presentation. *Carrollton Baptist Association Pastors Conference*. Carrollton, GA.

## Interviews and Quotes by Media

### *Books Interviewing/Quoting Me*

- Forthcoming 2011.** Interviewed by Janet Reitman. *Scientology*. New York: Houghton-Mifflin Publishers.
- 2008 Interviewed by Andrew Morton. *An Unauthorized Biography of Tom Cruise*. London: St. Martin's Press. Pp. 102, 109, 129, 130, 136, 137, 147, 154, 182, 206, 223, 284.
- 2004 Interviewed by Ann Platz. *Reclaiming Your Dreams: Awaken Hope and Realize Your Destiny*. Tulsa, OK: Harrison House Publishers. Pp. 98-99.

### ***International Media***

*(non-inclusive of World Wide Web mentions)*

- 2009 Produced by Paul DeGeneve. "Tom Cruise and Scientology" documentary. France 2 National Network. Interviewed Nov. 14, 2008, aired Feb. 2009.
- 2006 Produced by Frederic Martin. *Secrets d'Actualite* special segment on Tom Cruise and Scientology. M6 Television Network. Paris, France. Interviewed Oct. 15, 2005; aired Jan. 2006.

### ***National Television, Radio, and Print***

- 2009 *CBS Inside Edition*. Karen Pressley comments on the death of Jett Travolta and Scientology's views on medicine and medical treatment. Television broadcast, CBS Network. Jan. 7.
- 2006 *CNN's Paula Zahn Now*. Brooke Anderson, narrator. "Tom Cruise & Katie Holmes prepare to tie the knot." broadcast, Cable News Network. Nov. 17.  
<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0611/17/pzn.01.html>
- 2006 *Dateline NBC*. Hota Kotb, interviewer. "Cruise control: Going deep inside the tightly controlled world of the superstar." Television broadcast. NBC Network. May 7.  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/12679180/>
- 2006 Farley, Rob. "Scientology nearly ready to unveil SuperPower." *St. Petersburg Times*. May 6. <http://www.sptimes.com/2006/05/06/Tampabay/Scientology/nearly/re.shtml/>
- 2006 "Escape from Scientology." *On Course* magazine. November 6.  
<http://oncourse.ag.org/article-scientology.cfm>.
- 2005 Christiansen, Kim and Claire Hoffman. "At inland base, Scientologists trained top gun." *Los Angeles Times*. Dec. 18.  
<http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-scientlogy18dec18.0.2963052.story?coll=la-promo-nation>
- 2005 Westbury, Joe. "War of the Worlds: Marietta woman escapes from Scientology, finds new faith." *The Christian Index*. Aug. 4, pp. 1-3.
- 2005 "Former Scientologist finds truth, freedom in Christ." *The Baptist Message*, Nov. 10.  
<http://www.baptistmessage.com/articledetail.php?articleID=2523>
- 2005 "Delivered from deception." *Crusader* magazine. October, pp. 18-19.
- 2005 Bagwell, Ken. *Heads Up America*. Radio broadcast. November. 1350 AM Supertalk Radio, Asheville, NC.

### ***Regional and Local Television, Radio, Print, CD, DVD***

- 2010 Mefferd, Janet. *The Janet Mefferd Show*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 26. Dallas, TX.
- 2010 Schwarz, Jeff. *Issues, Etc.* Radio broadcast. KFUE Radio. St. Louis, MO.
- & 2008 (Feb. 10, 2008).
- 2009 "Life Application: Freed from Scientology." *Bible Teaching Experience for Pre-Teens*, Spring CD recording. Nashville, TN: LifeWay Christian Resources.
- 2008 Allen, Lorri and Larry Estepa. *Mornings with Lorri and Larry*. Television broadcast, FamilyNet Television, and Sirius Radio Channel 161. Atlanta, GA. June 26.  
<http://www.familynet.com/site/c.ouLXJ7MLKpH/b.4506589/k.DC50/Mornings.htm>

- 2008 Ryan, Marcus and Lisa. *Every Day with Marcus and Lisa*. Television broadcast. March 7. FamilyNet Television, Atlanta, GA. <http://www.familynet.com/site>
- 2008 Sloan, Townie. *Night Line*. Television broadcast. Oct. 23. WGG5 TV 16, Dove Broadcasting, Greenville, SC.
- 2008 Cope, Angel. *Dr. Beth Show*. Taped for cable television broadcast May 9. Realife 360, Inc. Studio, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 Mason, Babbie. *Babbie's House*. Television broadcast. March 13. WATC TV 57, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 Hendrix, Shelley. *Atlanta Live!* Television broadcast. Oct. 30. WATC TV 57. Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 Arnzen, Chris. *Iron Sharpens Iron*. Radio broadcast. July 22. WNYG 1440 AM New York and Connecticut. <http://www.wnygspritofny.com/> (Feb. 27, 2007).
- 2008 Wiles, Rick. *TruNews Radio*. Radio broadcast. June 30. Chattanooga, TN. [http://www.trunews.com/Audio/m3U/6\\_30\\_08\\_monday\\_trunews2.m3u](http://www.trunews.com/Audio/m3U/6_30_08_monday_trunews2.m3u)
- 2008 Mathis, Sandy. *Sandy Mathis Live*. Radio broadcast. May 27. WAEC Love860AM Atlanta, GA. Second segment aired June 3, 2008.
- 2008 Sankey, Fran. *Test All Things*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 27. WVCH Radio, Philadelphia, PA. (2008 airdates: March 25, March 30, April 1, April 6, April 8, April 13. [http://www.towertotruth.net/Other\\_Groups/other\\_groups\\_main.htm](http://www.towertotruth.net/Other_Groups/other_groups_main.htm)
- 2008 Anderson, John. *Voice of Reason*. Internet radio broadcast, Feb. 10. <http://www.lighthouseproductionsllc.com/broadcast.htm>
- 2007 Anderson, Rick and Lael Arrington. *Things That Matter Most*. Radio broadcast, Apr. 9. KSEV 700 AM Houston, KLVE 1160 Dallas. <http://www.thethingsthatmattermost.org/about.htm>
- 2007 Gravel, Kim. *Friends and Neighbors*. Television broadcast. Nov. 2. WATC TV 57, Atlanta, GA.
- 2006 Vallone, Michael. *Atlanta Live!* Television broadcast. Feb. 3. WATC TV 57, & 2005 Atlanta, GA. (January 7 and April 21, 2005).
- 2006 Ezell, Wiley. *We Talk Back*. Radio broadcast. June 10. KMLB 1440 AM, Louisiana.
- 2006 Johnson, Jerry. *Live from Criswell College*. Radio broadcast. Feb. 2. KCBI 90.9 FM, Dallas, TX.
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## Service

### *Academic, Community, Professional*

- 2009** Conference assistant (photographer, and introducer of The White House Project Speaker's Panel), Phenomenal Women's Conference, *Women Leading Social Change*. April 23, 2009. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2009** Planning committee member, event scriptwriter, publicist, stage director: *Celebrating History Through Her Story*. First annual Cobb County Women's History Month event. March 14. Co-sponsors: YWCA of Northwest Georgia Executive Director Holly Comer; League of Women Voters Marietta-Cobb leaders Elizabeth Melville and Pam Flournoy. Chattahoochee Technical College, Marietta, GA.
- 2008** Advisory committee member, *Economic Empowerment of Women Phenomenal Women's Conference*, April 3. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2008** Publicity committee member, *WomenUp 2008 Conference*, Atlanta Women's Network, Atlanta, GA.
- 2008** Planning committee member. *2008 Peace Conference*. Kennesaw State University.
- 2007** Advisory committee member, *Shaping a Legacy of Leadership: Investing in Yourself for Ultimate Results Phenomenal Women's Conference*, Mar. 30-31. KSU/Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character.
- 2003** Volunteer ticket sales coordinator. *One City, Many Voices* fundraising concert for Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002-09** Volunteer team leader, Atlanta Community Ministries, Atlanta, GA.
- 2002-07** Voluntary Mission Service Corps Missionary, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA.

## Awards and Honor Society Memberships

- Who's Who Among Students in American Universities & Colleges, 2009  
Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Kennesaw State University, 2008  
Golden Key International Honor Society, inducted 2008  
University College Honors Program, KSU, 2005 – 2008  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, inducted 2006  
Presidential Scholar's Program KSU (SALT), 2006 invitee  
*Gospel Connection Magazine* Gospel Discipleship Award, 2005

## Professional Affiliations

- Author's Guild, member since 2004  
Atlanta Community Ministries, team leader since 2002  
American Academy of Religion, member since 2009  
Atlanta Press Club, member since 2007  
Georgia Writer's Association, member since 2009  
International Cultic Studies Association, member since 2010  
Religion News Writers Association, member since 2008