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Dr. Richard Ward holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, a M.F.A. from Trinity University (in conjunction with the Dallas Theater Center), and a M.A.R from Christian Theological Seminary. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ. He brings to the study of preaching a rich background in performance studies and practices. He is particularly interested in the arts of storytelling and oral interpretation of scripture as they inform and enrich the ministry of preaching.

Dr. Ward is the author of *Speaking from the Heart: Preaching with Passion* and a number of contributions and articles for the disciplines of homiletics, performance theory, and communication studies. His latest book is *Speaking of the Holy: The Communicative Art of Preaching*. He is also the co-editor of *Craddock Stories* with Mike Graves and Fred Craddock. At present, Dr. Ward serves on the Editorial Board for *Feasting on the Word: A Lectionary Commentary Series for Westminster* John Knox Press.

He has served on the faculties of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Yale Divinity School where he was the first occupant of the Clement-Muehl Chair in Communication Arts, and at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Since June 2010, he occupies the Fred B. Craddock Chair in Preaching and Worship at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma.