

Résumé
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Education

PhD (1979) Biophysics & Biochemistry Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon, USA

MA (1974) Physics Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, USA

BS (1970) Physics, Mathematics Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA

Certificate (in progress) Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia, USA

Educational Experience

January 2014 – June 2018

Teacher (Part-time)

Lezha Academic Center, Lezhë, Albania

Teaching physics and chemistry to high school juniors and seniors in an American-style high school in person and online.

July 2012 – Present

Professor of Physics, A. Leroy and Wanda H. Baker Chair of Science, *Emeritus*

July 1986 – June 2012

A. Leroy and Wanda H. Baker Chair in Science (May 2010 – June 2012) Professor of Physics, Bridgewater College, Virginia.

Taught all levels of undergraduate physics courses, including introductory astronomy and an occasional computer science course. (Chair of the Department: 9/86 – 8/03; Assistant Professor: 9/86 – 8/87; Associate Professor: 9/87 – 8/94; Professor: 9/94 – 5/12.)

November 1996 – August 2011

Director of Academic Computing (quarter-time), Bridgewater College, Virginia

Assisted college faculty in and taught workshops on using computing technology in education and acted as faculty liaison with the Information Technology Center staff. Writes and publishes an academic computing blog and tutorials residing on the web.

August 1980 - June 1986

Assistant Professor of Physics, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania.

Taught all levels of undergraduate physics courses, introductory astronomy and some computer science courses. (Chairman of the Department from 1/85 to 6/86.)

August 1979 - August 1980

Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Bethel College, Kansas.

Taught chemistry to all levels of undergraduate students.

September 1973 - June 1974

Teaching Assistant in Physics, Kent State University, Ohio.

Taught laboratory sections of undergraduate physics courses.

Fall 1972

Teacher, Belize Technical College, Belize City, Belize, Central America.

Taught physics and mathematics courses for high school students.

Community Experience: Additional Educational Activities

January 2018 – present

Computer Support Volunteer (for residents)

Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community

Since Elsie and I have been residents here at VMRC, there have been a few volunteers to help residents get their computers, tablets, laptops, smartphones, and TVs working as expected. When necessary we then relay the work ticket to the paid IT technicians.

May 2018 – Present

Co-founder with Roman Miller

Elder Exchange: A Monthly Academic Forum Discussing Issues of Faith & Life

Academic-style presentations began in August 2018 with a resource speaker followed by a panel of two respondents. Topics are linked to faith, theology and praxis.

September 2018 – August 2019

Steering Committee Member

Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society

A group of leaders guiding the efforts of the ACRS as it works to bring critical thinking and a prophetic voice to the engagement with local and world issues through the lens of Anabaptism,

September 2017 – August 2019

Board Member

Albanian Christian Educational Foundation

Works to fund and support Lezha Academic Center, a school for Albanian students from kindergarten through high school

Summer 2005

Physics Consultant on the Middle School Science Laboratory Project

Cognitive Learning Institute, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

Developed several laboratory modules for middle school classes and taught in a two- week workshop for middle school teachers. (Occasional consultant: 7/02 – 7/07.)

January 8-15, 2003

Member, Brethren Colleges Abroad, Faculty Forum

Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi, India

September 1998 – February 1999

Consultant on the Core Values Committee of the Alternate Self-Study
Eastern Mennonite University, Virginia.

Participated in the formation of a draft core values statement for the university.

May 1990 – May 1993

Director, Resource Network for Middle School Science Teachers
Bridgewater College, Virginia

Directed and taught in a two-week summer program for middle school science teachers funded
by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.

Academic Year 1988-89

Member, Committee on the Purpose Statement (a self-study committee for re-accreditation) Eastern
Mennonite High School, Virginia

Concluded a major re-writing of the purpose statement for EMHS.

1984

Member, Science Consulting Team
Elizabethtown Area School District, Pennsylvania.

Evaluated the science program in 6th through 12th grades.

1978 – Present

Science demonstrator to community groups and elementary and secondary school classes.

1978 – Present

Speaker on integrating science and Christian faith to middle school, high school and college
student groups.

Research Experience

August 1979 – June 2012

Physics Professor at Bridgewater College, Elizabethtown College, & Bethel College.

Studying the theoretical link between circular dichroism spectra and molecular structure.

July 1985 – March 2002

General User, Synchrotron Radiation Center, Univ. of Wisconsin.

Using synchrotron light at vacuum ultraviolet wavelengths to obtain circular dichroism spectra
of molecules.

October 1985 - September 1988

General User, National Synchrotron Light Source, Brookhaven National Laboratories, Long
Island, New York.

Collected circular dichroism spectra at vacuum ultraviolet wavelengths.

October 1978 - August 1979

Post-doctoral Researcher, Department of Chemistry, University of Southern California. (Advisor: Dr. Philip J. Stephens)

Calculated theoretical vibrational circular dichroism spectra.

September 1974 - October 1978

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, Oregon State University. (Advisor: Dr. W. Curtis Johnson, Jr.)

Doctoral dissertation title: "Interpreting the Circular Dichroism of Cyclic Dimers of Amino Acids".

Summers 1966 & 1967

Laboratory Assistant; Lancaster Laboratories, Inc., Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Did biochemical testing, e.g. water purity, fungicide effectiveness.

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

A. Leroy and Wanda H. Baker Professor of Science (May 2010-June 2012)—a named chair selected from professors in the natural sciences at Bridgewater College

Martha B. Thorton Faculty Recognition Award (April 1999) –award from Bridgewater College recognizing "talented teaching, dedicated service, and concern for students."

Synchrotron Radiation Center Grant (1986 - 2002) –for research time on the synchrotron. Crestar Bank (1996) –for a computerized 10-inch telescope.

Research Corporation Grant (1991 - 1993) –for summer research including student support.

Jessie Ball duPont Fund Grant (1990 - 1993) –for improving middle school science teaching.

NSLS Faculty and Student Support Grant (1985 - 1988) –for research time on the synchrotron.

Faculty Research Grants: Bridgewater, Elizabethtown, & Bethel Col. (1979 - present).

National Teaching Fellow, Bethel College (1979-1980).

Professional Memberships

American Association of Physics Teachers

American Scientific Affiliation

American Society of Missiology

Professional Publications and Presentations

R. L. Bowman, C. Bertucci & W. C. Johnson, Jr., "A Theoretical And Experimental Study Of The VUV Circular Dichroism Spectra Of (1R)-(-)-Fenchone And (3S:5S)-(-)-2,2,3,5- Tetramethylheptane," (in preparation).

R. L. Bowman, "The "Game of Life" in Small Universes with Various Boundary Conditions: An Experimental Approach,' (in preparation).

R. L. Bowman, "Real Education Involves More Than Just Teaching to a Test," 8th ELTA Regional Conference, Berat, Albania, 14-15 November 2014.

R. L. Bowman, "Effective Education Means Interactive Learning," 8th ELTA Regional Conference, Berat, Albania, 14-15 November 2014.

R. L. Bowman, "Circular Dichroism Spectra and Biomolecules" (invited presentation), New Technologies and Applications in Medicine (First International Conference of Applied Sciences in Medicine), Tirana, Albania, 7-8 November 2014.

R. L. Bowman, "Real Education Involves More Than Just Teaching to a Test," 4th ELTA Regional Conference, Lezhë, Albania, 26-27 September 2014.

R. L. Bowman, "Who Made the Moon? A Response from a Physicist and Christian Minister," Shenandoah Anabaptist Science Society, (Harrisonburg, VA), 10 February 2012.

R. L. Bowman, "Exploring 'The Game of Life' in Small Worlds," Virginia Academy of Science (Harrisonburg, VA), 21 May 2010.

R. L. Bowman, "Introducing ISAW as an Example of Web-based Science Simulations Constructed Using JavaScript and HTML Forms," MERLOT Seventh International Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA, 7-10 August 2007.

R. L. Bowman, "Web Enhancing Courses with Freeware Components: a Flexible, Efficient, and Low-cost Alternative," MERLOT Seventh International Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA, 7-10 August 2007.

R. L. Bowman, "Summer Educational Technology Workshops Teach Faculty through Instructor-defined Projects," MERLOT Seventh International Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA, 7-10 August 2007.

R. L. Bowman, Response to: Dr. Gerald Schroeder, "The Physics of Free Will," Eastern Mennonite University, April 5, 2006

R. L. Bowman, "The Search for Extra-solar Planets: An Introduction and a Simulation," SPS Zone 4 (Bridgewater College), April 2, 2005.

R. L. Bowman, "Using *Mathematica* in Upper Division Courses: Examples and Hints," Virginia Academy of Science (Charlottesville, VA), 29-30 May 2003.

R. L. Bowman, "Constructing Web-based Science Simulations," Virginia Academy of Science (Hampton, VA), 23 May 2002.

R. L. Bowman, "Introduction to Web Interactivity: Forms and JavaScript," Faculty Academy on Instructional Technology, Mary Washington College (Fredericksburg, VA), 13 May 2002.

R. L. Bowman, "Incorporating Web-based Components into an Astronomy Course," Faculty Academy on Instructional Technology, Mary Washington College (Fredericksburg, VA), 13 May 2002.

R. L. Bowman, "Can We Trust the Logic of Function," *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, **54**, 34 (2002).

R. Bowman, "Accuracy is Important," Letter to editor, *APS News*, vol. 10, December 2001.

R. L. Bowman, "Implementing A Virtual Educational Environment: Inaugurating A Web-Based MOO," 2000 Information Technology Workshop, Council of Independent College (Pittsburgh, PA), 30 March-1 April 2000.

R. L. Bowman, "Creating 'Interactive Science Activities on the Web' (ISAW)," *Proceedings of M/SET 99* (International Conference on Mathematics/Science Education & Technology, San Antonio, Texas), 1-4 March 1999.

R. L. Bowman, "The Role of Technology In The Classroom Using Form-based Questions, Web-based Assignments, And Collaborative Web-based Projects In Introductory Science Courses," *Syllabus Conference* (Washington, DC), 5-8 November 1998.

R. L. Bowman, "Evaluating Pseudo-Random Number Generators," reprinted in: C. A. Pickover, ed., *Chaos and Fractals: A Computer Graphical Journey (Ten Year Compilation of Advanced Research)*, Elsevier, 1998.

R. L. Bowman, "Evaluating Pseudo-Random Number Generators," *Computers and Graphics*, **19**, 315-324 (1995).

R. L. Bowman, "Fractal Metamorphosis: A Brief Student Tutorial," *Computers and Graphics*, **19**, 157-164 (1995).

R. Bowman, "Graph on Journal Growth Was Misleading," Letter to editor, *APS News*, vol. 4, October 1995.

R. L. Bowman and D. L. Pugh, "Modeling Air Friction in Projectile Motion," Virginia Academy of Sciences (Harrisonburg, VA), 18-20 May 1994.

R. L. Bowman, "Mathematica in Science Education" (panel discussion), 1992 *Mathematica Conference* (Rotterdam, Netherlands), 1-4 September 1992.

R. L. Bowman, L. A. Meyerhoeffter and A. G. Showalter, "Importing, Smoothing, Calibrating, and Merging Molecular Spectra," 1992 *Mathematica Conference* (Rotterdam, Netherlands), 1-4 September 1992.

R. L. Bowman, G. Gum, J. Colvin & L. Herman, "Using Synchrotron Radiation to Probe the Structure of Molecules", Am. Assoc. of Physics Teachers (Chesapeake Section meeting), 27-28 October 1989.

R. L. Bowman, P. A. Snyder & R. W. C. Hansen, "Natural Circular Dichroism of Ringed Ketones", *Abstracts of the 1988 SRC Users Group Meeting*, 68-69 (1988).

R. L. Bowman, "Electronic Spreadsheets for Physics Students Use", *Am. J. Phys.* **56**, 184-185 (1988).

R. L. Bowman and D. A. Smith, "VUV Circular Dichroism of Bicyclic Carbonyl Compounds", *NSLS Annual Report 1986*, 163-164 (1986).

R. L. Bowman, "Studying Non-linear Behavior: The Stretching of a Rubber Band and the Friction Between Wood Blocks", Am. Assoc. of Phys. Teachers (Central Pa. Section meeting), 13 April 1984.

R. L. Bowman, C. Bertucci, & W. C. Johnson, Jr., "Experimental and Theoretical $\square\square\square^*$ Circular Dichroism Spectra for Some Cyclic Compounds: Diamides, Ketones, and Hydrocarbons", Am. Phys. Soc. (national meeting), 24-27 January 1983.

R. L. Bowman, M. Kellerman, & W. C. Johnson, Jr., "Optical Properties of Cyclic Dimers of Amino Acids: An Experimental and Theoretical Study", *Biopolymers*, **22**, 1045-1070 (1983).

R. L. Bowman, "Space Travel and Relativity, II. Some Analytical Solutions", Am. Assoc. of Physics Teachers (Central Pa. Section meeting), 23-24 April 1982.

R. L. Bowman, "Comment On: Spectral Analysis Using a Camera", *Am. J. Phys.*, **41**, 1297 (1973).

R. L. Bowman, "Folklore in the Classroom", *The Phys. Teacher*, **10**, 174 (1972).

Internet Projects Created and Maintained

by Richard L. Bowman

Books (November 2019 – present)

Photographic Potpourri (2017 – present)

Note Cards (December 2021 – present)

Little Rich's Questions Cartoon (2010 – present)

Elder Exchange (August 2018 – present)

<https://RichardLBowman.com/>

This site was begun to collect all my photo and art interests in one location. This includes my books, nature photo blogs, selected photos from my blogs for sale, my inspirational posters (also for sale), and my inspirational cartoon drawings.

Ed Tech by Bowman (2011 – present)

<http://www.edtechbybowman.net/>

This site focuses on the effective use of educational technology including tutorials for Moodle. In addition the site hosts my photography and "Living in Albania" blogs.

JS Quiz Maker (2003 – present)

<http://www.edtechbybowman.net/JSQuizMaker/>

This is a stand-alone quiz module enabling teachers and other web authors to construct quizzes that can be taken by students and other users with the results being displayed immediately to the one taking the quiz and emailed to the instructor.

Phys-Astro Sims (2011 – present)

<http://www.edtechbybowman.net/PhysAstroSims/>

[Formerly Interactive Science Activities on the Web (ISAW) (1997 – 2011)

<http://people.bridgewater.edu/~rbowman/ISAW/>]

Currently Phys-Astro Sims contains four simulations: Extrasolar Planets, IFS Fractals, Game of Life, and Planetary Orbits.

“Little Rich’s Questions” (2001 – present)

<http://richardlbowman.com/LRQ/>

Purpose for this “op-ed” Christian cartoon aimed to make readers laugh and think.

Academic Computing at Bridgewater College (1997 – 2011)

<http://people.bridgewater.edu/~rbowman/acadcomp/>

Most of the tutorials and other resources for faculty have been updated and transferred to the Ed Tech by Bowman site shown above.

Department of Physics (1997 – 2012)

<http://www.bridgewater.edu/academics/academic-departments/physics>

Manager of the content 1997-2012; prior to that also author of the design of the pages.

Mount Clinton Mennonite Church (2000 – 2014, 2016 – present)

<http://mcmchurch.us/>

Mennonite Congregational Resource Center (2000 – 2005)

<http://www.emu.edu/mcrc/>

This is now under new management and has a different web address.

Community Experience: Church-Related Activities

July 2019 – May 2021

Volunteer chaplain at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Center, Harrisonburg, VA, USA

January 2014 – August 2016

Living in Lezhë, Albania, and working in education and church leadership development

September 2005 – July 2014

Secretary of the Faith and Life Commission and chair of its Personnel Committee, Virginia Mennonite Conference

September 2003 – July 2014

Overseer (bishop), Central District, Virginia Mennonite Conference

September 1999 – August 2003

Minister-at-Large, Central District, Virginia Mennonite Conference

Chair, Central District Council

September 1999 – December 1999

Interim Minister, Zion Hill Mennonite Church.

September 1993 – August 1999

Assistant Pastor, Mount Clinton Mennonite Church. (Ordained: 10/95.)

July 1988 – July 1994

Member, Board of Trustees. (Chair: 1988-93.) Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions.

September 1985 – July 1986

Elder, Elizabethtown Mennonite Church.

July 1982 – July 1986

Member, Board of Trustees. (Vice-chair: 1983-86.) Lancaster Mennonite High School, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Spring 1977 – Fall 1978

Assistant Pastor, Corvallis Mennonite Church, Corvallis, Oregon.

August 1970 – May 1973

Pastor, Belize City Mennonite Church, Belize, Central America.

Church-Related Publications

Richard L. Bowman, *Frances and Millie Play in the Numbers Park* (Bloomington, IN: WestBow Press, 2021)

Richard L. Bowman, *Living Prayer: A Bible Study Calling for Action* (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2019)

Richard L. Bowman, “The Prince of Peace Is for Everyone,” *Purpose*, December 2017

Richard L. Bowman, “Connecting with My Faith Story,” *Purpose*, June 2017

Richard L. Bowman, “Being a Bridge,” *Transforming*, Summer 2015.

Richard L. Bowman, “In Celebration of Everyday Worship,” *The Mennonite*, September 21, 2004.

Richard L. Bowman, “Coming to Terms with Who I Am,” *The Mennonite*, September 22, 1998.

Richard L. Bowman, A Winner, Family Photo Contest, *Christian Living*, March 1982.

Richard L. Bowman, “The After-Easter Blues,” *Gospel Herald*, April 8, 1975.

Richard L. Bowman, “How Meaningful Is Baptism?” *Gospel Herald*, January 20, 1970.

Some 20 other articles, poems and short stories published in *Purpose*, *Missionary Messenger*, *Youth Messenger*, and *The Volunteer* between 1964 and 1975.

Personal Data

I was born December 13, 1948 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Elsie Hamilton (BSN from EMC in 1969) and I were married on June 20, 1970. We are the proud parents of four children: Todd, Jonathan, Jennifer, and Heidi (ages: 39-49) and grandparents of ten grandchildren. I have enjoyed a variety of hobbies including gardening, house remodeling, working with computers, writing and reading.