

## Donald Ratcliff, Ph.D.

Wheaton College  
500 College Avenue  
Wheaton, IL 60187  
Telephone: 630-752-5282  
[www.wheaton.edu/cfm/faculty/ratcliff.html](http://www.wheaton.edu/cfm/faculty/ratcliff.html)  
Personal page: [www.don.ratcliffs.net](http://www.don.ratcliffs.net)



### Employment

**The Price-LeBar Professor of Christian Education, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (2006-present).** I teach Human Development and Ministry, Culture and Ministry, and research-related classes, both at the graduate and undergraduate levels. I also serve on several doctoral committees for students in the Doctor of Psychology program at Wheaton.

**Adjunct Professor of Christian Education, Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, CA (2000-present).** This has involved teaching occasionally for this seminary located in the Los Angeles area. Classes include researching children's spirituality, qualitative research, and research statistics, all at the doctoral level.

**Professor of Psychology, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA (2004-2006).** My primary responsibility was teaching undergraduate classes in general psychology, developmental psychology, psychological testing, psychology and Christianity, educational psychology, family psychology, and children's spirituality. While at Vanguard I continued to serve as an adjunct professor at Talbot School of Theology (at Biola University) where I taught doctoral level classes.

**Associate Professor of Education, Biola University, La Mirada, CA (2001-2004).** This position involved teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in research methods and educational psychology, as well as serving as the coordinator for all theses in the department. I also served as an advisor or on a doctoral committee for several doctoral students in other departments, including the School of Intercultural Studies and Educational Ministries. I wrote a major departmental self-study document for the department, using a great deal of feedback from other faculty and administrators, as well as research data from alumni, students, and faculty.

**Associate Professor of Psychology and Sociology, Toccoa Falls College, Toccoa Falls, GA (1982-2001).** My regular area of teaching involved a variety of undergraduate classes in psychology and sociology. Less often I taught classes in Christian education, religion, and education. I wrote accreditation reports for the department on several occasions, using data from alumni, students, and other faculty.

**Temporary Assistant Professor of Educational Research, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA (1995-1996).** I taught a graduate course titled Advanced Qualitative Research in Education for two semesters.

Earlier in my life I was a psychology assistant at a developmental center for the mentally handicapped, taught for one year at Christian Union Bible School on the island of Dominica, taught part time and full time at three additional schools, and spent approximately a decade in radio broadcasting.

## Education

**Doctor of Philosophy**, Educational Psychology (qualitative research and quantitative research emphases), 1995, The University of Georgia.

**Specialist in Education**, Educational Psychology (child development emphasis), 1986, The University of Georgia.

**Masters of Arts**, Educational Psychology (family studies and human development emphases), 1975, Michigan State University.

**Bachelor of Arts**, Social Science (psychology and sociology concentrations), Philosophy and Religion minor, 1973, Spring Arbor College (now Spring Arbor University).

## Publications

### Books or Booklets

*ChildFaith: Experiencing God and Spiritual Growth with Your Children* (primary author). Wipf and Stock, 2010.

*Children's Spirituality: Christian Perspectives, Research, and Applications* (senior editor), Wipf and Stock, 2004.

[14 additional books or booklets that I authored, coauthored, or edited and coauthored.]

### Book Chapters, Journal Articles, Book Reviews, and Publication Credits

I authored nine book chapters, in addition to the above, one published by Sage and another published by the American Psychological Association.. 30 of my articles have been published in professional journals. 60 of my book reviews have been published in professional journals. I was credited in the introduction of ten books (not my own) for significant conceptual or editorial input.

### Web Pages

I currently maintain several web pages, including: qualitative research web pages and many related documents at [www.qualitativeresearch.ratcliffs.net](http://www.qualitativeresearch.ratcliffs.net), children's spirituality resources at [www.childfaith.net](http://www.childfaith.net), resources related to ministry research at [www.ministryresearch.ratcliffs.net](http://www.ministryresearch.ratcliffs.net), and the Children's Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives at [www.childspirituality.org](http://www.childspirituality.org) (I serve on the planning team for this conference). My main web page is located at: [www.don.ratcliffs.net](http://www.don.ratcliffs.net). My web pages total between 60,000 and 80,000 hits each month.

## Major Presentations

I have made at least 25 presentations at regional and national professional conferences.

See [www.don.ratcliffs.net](http://www.don.ratcliffs.net) for more details on many of the above items, and other aspects of my life.