**Mapping Your Academic Career:
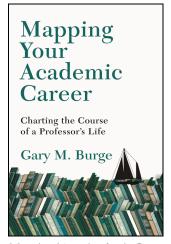Charting the Course of a
Professor's Life**

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Navigating the Successes and Failures of the Academic Pilgrimage

You're finishing your first year of teaching. It's been exciting and gratifying, but some wobbly episodes too. How will you carve out a space to flourish?

You're feeling secure in mid-career, with some accomplishments to be proud of. But what should success really look like?

You're nearing the end of your career, and sometimes apprehensive about the blank slate of retirement. What might it look like to finish well?

In *Mapping Your Academic Career* Gary Burge speaks from decades of teaching, writing and mentoring. Along the way he has experienced and observed the challenges and tensions, the successes and failures of the academic pilgrimage. Now, with discerning wisdom and apt examples, he hosts the conversation he wishes he'd had when he started out as a college professor, identifying three cohorts or stages in the academic career and exploring the challenges, pitfalls and triumphs of each. Burge invites his readers to "think of this as a conversation, a private conversation between two professors. It is a conversation I've been thinking about for a long time and one I hope you're willing to have with me." Wherever you are in your teaching life, this is a book that will reward reading, reflection and discussion.

"Gary Burge, in his book *Mapping Your Academic Career*, brings needed wisdom for those who are on lifelong journeys as academics," said Janel Curry, provost of Gordon College. "He draws on the insights of developmental psychology but grounds it in an understanding of the practice of spiritual disciplines in order to assist independent-minded academics in navigating the ongoing tensions of working within the constraints of an institutional mission, while being on their own life journey of identity formation."