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## **EDUCATION**

- 2004 Ph.D., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Dissertation: "The Question of the Church in North American Lutheranism:  
Toward an Ecclesiology of the Third Article."
- 1991 Master of Divinity, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Illinois.
- 1986 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio.

## **VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2005- Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology, Trinity Lutheran Seminary.
- 2004-2005 Instructor in Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2000-2005 Pastor, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2001-2002 Instructor in Theology, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 1991-1997 Pastor, First English Lutheran Church, Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- "Spirit and Bodies: A Feminist and Lutheran Conversation," in *Transformative Lutheran Theologies*, ed. Mary Streufert (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, forthcoming).
- "Lutheran Principles for Ecclesiology," in *Critical Issues in Ecclesiology* (a festschrift for Carl E. Braaten), ed. Alberto Garcia and Susan Wood (Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans, forthcoming).
- "A Pneumatology of the Cross: The Challenge of Neo-Pentecostalism to Lutheran Theology." *Dialog: A Journal for Theology* (forthcoming).
- With Sarah Lancaster. "Eucharistic Implications of the ELCA-UMC Full Communion Agreement," *Sacramental Life* (forthcoming).
- "Response to Michael Kinnamon and Peter Bouteneff." *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 44/3 (Summer 2009): 361-366.

“The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church in the Context of North America,” in *One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church: Some Lutheran and Ecumenical Perspectives*, Lutheran World Federation Studies, 01/2009, ed. Hans-Peter Grosshans, 171-188. Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2009.

“Font to Table or Table to Font?” *Lutheran Forum* 42/2 (Summer 2008): 46-51.

“The Church as Confessing *Koinonia* of the Spirit,” in *Being the Church in the Midst of Empire*, Theology in the Life of the Church, Vol.1, ed. Karen Bloomquist, 71-90. Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2007.

“Why did he do it? S.S. Schmucker and the Definite Platform.” In *Re-Examining Conflict and Cooperation: Implications for Current Understandings of American Lutheranism*, The Lutheran Historical Conference Essays and Reports 2002, Vol. 20, ed. Marvin Huggins, 27-44. St. Louis, MO: Lutheran Historical Conference, 2007.

“Whither Lutheran Ecclesiology?” *Trinity Seminary Review* 27/2 (2006): 107-120.

“Using Luther as a Resource for a Lutheran Ecclesiology of Mission. A Hermeneutical and Contextual Proposal.” In *The Role of Mission in the Future of Lutheran Theology*, ed. Viggo Mortensen, 79-98. Occasional Papers 6, Centre for Multireligious Studies, University of Århus, 2003.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

*The Lord and Giver of Life: Perspectives on Constructive Pneumatology*, ed. David H. Jensen, for *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* (forthcoming)

*Saving Power: Theories of Atonement and Forms of the Church*, by Peter Schmiechen, for *Trinity Seminary Review*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (Summer/Fall 2009): 138-139.

*The Church: Signs of the Spirit and Signs of the Times. The Christian Story – A Pastoral Systematics*, Vol. 5, by Gabriel Fackre, for *Interpretation* Vol. 63, No. 2 (April 2009): 208-209.

*Crossing the Divide: Luther, Feminism and the Cross*, by Deanna A. Thompson, <http://catholicbooksreview.org/>, September 2007.

*Constructive Theology: A Contemporary Approach to Classical Themes*, with CD-Rom, ed. by Serene Jones and Paul Lakeland, for *Trinity Seminary Review* Vol. 28, No. 2 (Summer/Fall 2007): 120-121.

*Bound to be Free: Evangelical Catholic Engagements in Ecclesiology, Ethics, and Ecumenism*, by Reinhard Hütter for *Lutheran Quarterly* 20/1 (Spring 2006): 102-104.

*Signs of Belonging: Marks of the Church and the Christian Life*, by Mary E. Hinkle, for *Lutheran Quarterly* 19/4 (Winter 2005): 492-493.

*Visible Church – Visible Unity: Ecumenical Ecclesiology and “The Great Tradition of the Church,”* by Ola Tjørhom for *Lutheran Quarterly* 19/2 (2005): 239-241.

*Church Unity and the Papal Office: An Ecumenical Dialogue on John Paul II’s Encyclical Ut Unum Sint*, eds. Carl E. Braaten and Robert W. Jenson for *Currents in Theology and Mission* 32/2 (April 2005): 141.

*The Continuing Conversion of the Church*, by Darrell Guder for *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 43/1 (2004):78-80.

*What in the World is God Doing?* by Lee Snook for *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 42/2 (2003):179-181.

*Theology for the Community of God*, by Stanley J. Grenz, for *Currents in Theology and Mission* 29/1 (2002):53.

*Trinity, Time, and Church: A Response to the Theology of Robert W. Jenson*, ed. by Colin E. Gunton, for *Theological Studies* 63/2 (2002): 406-408.

*Why Christian? For Those on the Edge of Faith*, by Douglas John Hall, for *Theological Studies* 60/2 (1999): 391-392.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

*Who is the Church? An Ecclesiology for 21<sup>st</sup> Century America* (working title). Book proposal under consideration from Fortress Press [Note: I have received an editorial commitment from Michael West and am awaiting a contract.]

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“What does it mean to be Church? The ELCA and ELCIC in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” (one of five keynote presentations) at the 2010 Convocation of ELCA/ELCIC Teaching Theologians, at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California, August 7-9, 2010 (forthcoming).

“Pneumatology and the Cross: The Challenge of Neo-Pentecostalism to Lutheran Theology” at A Global Consultation of the Lutheran World Federation program, “Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches: Transformative Perspectives and Practices Today,” in Augsburg, Germany, March 25-31, 2009.

Response to Peter Bouteneff, Michael Kinnamon, and David Daniels. “Ecumenical Ecclesiology: One Church for the Sake of the World.” North American Academy of Ecumenists, St. Louis, Missouri, September 26-28, 2008.

- “The One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church in the Context of North America.” An International Conference of the Department for Theology and Studies of the Lutheran World Federation: “The ‘One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.’ – in Lutheran Perspective and in an Ecumenical Horizon,” Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland, June 12-16, 2008.
- “Being the Church in the Midst of Empire.” A Seminar of the Department for Theology and Studies of the Lutheran World Federation Seminar: “Confessing and Living out Faith in the Triune God: Being the Church in the Midst of Empire,” Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 27-30, 2007.
- “Communal Eschatology and the Communion of Saints: A Lutheran Perspective.” Meeting of the U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Round XI: The Hope of Eternal Life, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina, March 15-18, 2007.
- “The Holy Community” in Luther’s Large Catechism (1529).” The Ecclesiology Working Group of the North American Luther Forum, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 28-30, 2006.
- “Douglas John Hall’s ‘New Anthropology.’” The Upper Midwest AAR Meeting, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 16, 2004.
- “Using Luther as a Resource for Lutheran Ecclesiology: A Hermeneutical and Contextual Proposal.” The Future of Lutheran Theology Conference: Charisms and Contexts, University of Århus, Denmark, January 16-20, 2003.
- “Why did he do it? S.S. Schmucker and the Definite Platform.” The 21<sup>st</sup> Biennial Meeting of the Lutheran Historical Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, October 17-19, 2002.
- “Toward a Common Concept of the Church: A Lutheran Conversation.” The Upper Midwest American Academy of Religion Meeting, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, April 6, 2002.
- “Eucharistic Theology: An Ecumenical Dialogue.” The Lutheran- Anglican-Roman Catholic Worship and Music Congress, St. Francis, Wisconsin, January 26, 2002.
- Response to Michael Fahey, S.J. “Ecumenical Trends in Eucharistic Theology and Celebration.” The Speaker’s Symposium at the Eucharistic Congress, St. Francis Theological Seminary, St. Francis, Wisconsin, October 26-27, 2000.

## **HONORS**

- 2009 Wabash Workshop Summer Fellowship for Writing and Research
- 2008-2009 Wasbash Fellow, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, Workshop for Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty
- 2003-2004 Dissertation Fellowship, Marquette University
- 1997-1999 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Marquette University
- 1987-1991 Presidential Scholar, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- 1986 Wittenberg Honor Society, Wittenberg, University
- 1986 Heimtraut Dietrich Award for Faith and Service, Wittenberg University
- 1985 Mortar Board and Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Societies, Wittenberg University
- 1984 Pick'n Pen and Ivy Ring Honor Societies, Wittenberg University
- 1982-1986 Wittenberg Scholar and Lutheran Honor Scholar, Wittenberg University

## **SERVICE**

- Member, Editorial Council, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, 2010-present.
- Member, U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Round XI: *The Hope of Eternal Life*, 2006-present.
- Member, Steering Committee, Association of ELCA Teaching Theologians, 2006-present; Secretary (2007-2008).
- Member, Michigan Multi-Synodical Candidacy Committee, 2005-present.
- Keynote presenter, "Living in the Spirit, We Are Equipped Empowered," Rostered Leaders' Retreat of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, Huron, Ohio, January 18-20, 2011 (upcoming).
- Presenter, "The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification, 10 Years Later: A Lutheran Perspective," Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Day of Dialogue: The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification," Cardinal Keeler Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 26, 2009.
- Presenter, "Confessional Subscription Today," Dayton Area Conference, Southern Ohio Synod, December 4, 2008.

Presenter, “A Crisis of Identity and Mission in the Church;” “Who is the Church? Some Lutheran Approaches;” “Called to be Church: The Nicene Marks as a Resource for the Identity and Mission of the Church,” Bishop’s Convocation: “Burning Bushes – Holy Ground: Our Vocational Mission,” Central States Synod, Osage Beach, Missouri, October 28-30, 2008.

Preacher and Presenter, “Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done;” “Give us Today our Daily Bread,” Northwest Lower Michigan Synod Assembly: “On Earth as in Heaven,” Lansing, Michigan, May 18-20, 2008.

Presenter, “Beyond Bi-laterals: Ecumenical Implications of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification.” Level 2 Seminar, National Workshop on Christian Unity, Chicago, IL, April 14-17, 2008.

Presenter, “The Evolving Office of Bishop in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America;” “The Role of the Bishop today in light of the Marks of the Church,” ELCA/ELCIC Bishops’ Academy, Eaglewood, Illinois, January 8-11, 2008.

Member, ELCA Approval Essay Writing Team [Region 6], 2007-08.

Presenter, “Bread of Life: Roman Catholic and Lutheran Understandings of the Eucharist.” Northeastern Ohio Synod -Youngstown Diocese Event, Canton, Ohio, October 28, 2007.

Chaplain, Lutheran Summer Assembly, “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself,” Lakeside Association, Marblehead, Ohio, July 7-13, 2007.

Participant in Lutheran World Federation Seminar and Writing Project, “Confessing and Living out Faith in the Triune God: Being the Church in the Midst of Empire,” Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, June 27-30, 2007.

“Need An Extra Theologian in the House?” Association of Teaching Theologians’ Workshop for “Let the River Flow: An Event for Large Congregations of the ELCA,” Burnsville, Minnesota, June 18-21, 2007.

“The Crisis Facing the Church and the Church's Response,” “Three Contemporary Approaches,” and “Called to be Church: The Acts of the Apostles as a Resource for the Identity and Mission of the Church.” Southwest Conference Pastors’ Retreat, Northwestern Ohio Synod, Maria Stein, Ohio, April 26-27, 2007.

“Teens Ask About: Life after Death.” The Winter Youth Ministry Event, Center for Educational Ministry in the Parish, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, March 30, 2007.

“The Trinitarian Doctrine of God.” Lecture taped for the new SELECT Course on Systematic Theology on DVD, “Systematic Theology – Theology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Fundamentals of Christian Theology.” SELECT Multimedia Resources, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2007.

“‘Daring to Define the Church’: Exploring Models of the Church for our Context Today,” and “From Marketing to Mission: Evangelism as ‘Being the Church for Others.’” The Fall Michigan Internship Cluster in Adrian, Michigan, September 23-24, 2006.

“Where is God in the Storm?” and “The Church as Resource in a Troubled World.” The Lakeside Academy Continuing Education program, “Storms Rage about Us: Living Hopefully in a Trouble World,” Marblehead, Ohio, September 5-7, 2006.

“Where to from here? Thinking Theologically about the Evangelizing Church.” The North/West Lower Michigan Synod’s Winter 2006 Leadership Event, “Deep in Our Hearts: A Time for Theological Inquiry about Salvation and our Proclamation as Evangelical Lutherans,” Bay City, Michigan, January 29-31, 2006.

“The Power of the Word.” The Indiana-Kentucky Synod’s “Preaching for Mission” Event, Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 8-9, 2005.

Member, Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic Spirituality and Worship Committee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2000-2004.

## **MEMBERSHIPS IN SCHOLARLY SOCIETIES**

American Academy of Religion

Catholic Theological Society of America

North American Association of Ecumenists

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians

Secretary/Treasurer and Steering Committee (2007-2010)