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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2008

Major Area of Study: Congregational Mission and Leadership

Dissertation Topic: *Feminist Theology and Missional Church: An Exploration into the Doctrine of the Trinity and its Understanding in Four Denominational Systems.*

Committee: Patrick Keifert, Mary Hess, Craig Van Gelder (Chair)

Master of Arts, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2002

Major Area of Study: Christian Lay Ministry

Concentration: Congregational Leadership

Bachelor of Arts, Luther College, Decorah, IA, 1988

Major Area of Study: Business Management

Certificate in International Studies

Emphasis: Psychology

DIS Study Abroad Program, University of Copenhagen, 1986-1987 Term

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

2007-Present

Associate Professor of Missional Leadership (2012-Present)

Holder of the Wilhelm Loehe Chair in Mission (2016), Tenure Granted, (2013),

Ministry Division Department Chair (2015-2016)

Director for Innovative Initiatives (2016-present)

- Working with President, Cabinet, and Board of Directors to implement strategic plan throughout institution
- Developing Process of Innovation to create new initiatives and experiments related to the strategic plan, including assessment
- Serving on grant writing teams, and direct special projects related to grants

Director of Learning for Life (2014-2016)

- Planned, assessed, and directed WTS continuing education offerings including Seminary for Everyone, providing online access to theological education

Director of Certificate Programs and Distributed Learning (2010-2014)

- Advised students in certification process, and coordinated the schedule of all certification courses
- Collaborated in creation of new Distributed Learning program, responsible for implementation of program

Assistant Professor of Missional Leadership (2010-2012)

Adjunct Professor of Distributed Education (2009-2010)

Director of Theological Education for Emerging Ministries and Online Learning (2009-2010)

- Coordinated student formation with faculty, staff, and synod representatives
- Scheduled courses and contracted with instructors
- Coordinated logistics for all onsite intensive courses
- Set up website pages for all online courses

Assistant Professor of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (2007-2009)

Director of the Center for Youth Ministries (2007-2009)

- Served as a liaison between seminary and networks in youth, family and young adult ministries
- Designed and executed learning opportunities through the Center, including youth & family ministry certification schools and conferences

Courses: Congregation and Community, Children, the Family & Faith, Theology of the Congregation, Pastoral Theology Method, Global Church in Motion 1 & 2, Theology in Context, Leadership in the 21st Century, Christian Mission in Global Perspectives, Spiritual Practices, Stewarding Boundaries, Cultivating Christian Communities

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

2003-2006

Adjunct Faculty (2006)

Faculty Teaching Assistant (2003-2006)

Assistant to Professor Patrick Keifert (2003-2006)

- Recruited and supervised other teaching assistants for multiple courses
- Prepped syllabi and course materials
- Led January term travel course to South Africa

Assistant to Professor Craig Van Gelder (2003)

- Instructed term course

Reading Team Researcher (2004)

Supervised by Professor Roland Martinson

- Exemplary Youth Project (Summer 2004)

Lutheran Evangelism Book Project Team, (Fall 2002-Fall 2004)

Supervised by Professor Craig Van Gelder

- Coordinated all logistics for planning sessions for team of six writers
- Recorded minutes from meetings
- Created annotated bibliography on resources related to the topic

Evangelism Travel Course (2003 and 2004)

Supervised by Professor Craig Van Gelder

- Coordinated all travel, accommodations, and conference logistics for 25 MDiv and DMin students and faculty
- Interfaced with students to assist with course preparations

Courses: Church Organization, Reading the Audiences, Gospel & Culture in South Africa

Church Innovations Institute, St. Paul, MN

2003-2006

Partnership for Missional Church in North America

Managing Director (2005-2006)

- Managed all aspects of PMC including client relationships, scheduling, finances and evaluation
- Supervised the development of all PMC materials and resources including books, manuals, and electronic media
- Coordinated training and placement for all PMC consultants

Research Associate/Project Manager (2003-2005)

- Managed the research process for a shared project with the Gospel and Our Culture Network on church systems and congregations
- Assisted in the development of writing projects, consulting and training products

Kyushu JoGakuin (Women's Junior College), Kumamoto Japan

1988-1991

English teacher and short-term missionary for the ELCA

PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES, AND CONFERENCES

“Spiritual Disciplines & Creativity,” Four-Week Class, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Asbury, IA, January 2018.

“Bible Study Presentation: The Call of Moses,” Lecture for Luther College Student Visitors, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, January 2018.

“Adventures in Digital Learning: A Case Study,” Co-Presentation with Craig Nesson and Tim Snyder, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA, January 2018.

“A Closer Walk: Experiencing Jesus through the Gospel of John,” Retreat for Zion Lutheran Church Members, Dubuque, IA, February 2017.

“Bible Study Presentation: The Call of Mary,” Presentation at *Consider Your Call* Conference, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, March 2017.

“Christian Vocation and the Common Good,” Presentation at *God in the Neighborhood: Toward a Missiological Vision of Place* Conference, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, June 2017.

“Formation & Vocation: A Spiritual Journey In and Out of the Depths,” Post-Sabbatical Lecture, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, November 2016.

“Online Learning: Formation, Engagement and Innovative Educational Models,” Presentation at ATS Seminar for Midcareer Faculty, Phoenix, AZ, April 2016.

“New Frontiers: A Conversation about the Future of the Church,” Lecture Collaboration for Presidential Inauguration, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, December 2015.

“Cutting Edge Pedagogy with Youth: Letter Writing,” Presentation for Lilly Youth Theological Network, Indianapolis, IN, February 2015.

“Catching the Wave: Uncertainty and Our Sacred Pilgrimage,” Respondent to John Sivalon’s Presentation, Sisters of Charity, BVM, Dubuque, IA September 2015.

“Life in Community: God at Work in the World,” Lecture at *Cedar River Theological Education Forum*, Cedar Rapids, IA, February 2013.

“Communities of Mutuality: Lived Practices of the Faithful,” Lecture at *Rural Ministry Conference*, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, March 2012.

“Bible Study Presentation: Matthew 14:13-21,” Southeast Iowa Synod Assembly, Iowa City, IA, May 2011.

“Missional Leadership and Internship,” Internship Supervisors’ Training, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, April 2010.

“Participating in God’s Life in the World: Implications for Congregational Ministry,” Luther Academy of the Rockies, Meeker Park, CO, June 2009.

“Youth Ministry & Congregational Revitalization: Separate Entities or One in the Same?” *Ankeny Forum*, Ankeny, IA, April 2008.

"Congregational Care," Intensive Care Course, *ELCA Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza*, Anaheim, CA, February 2008.

"Conversations in Community," Presentation, *Youth & Family Ministry Conference*, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA, December 2007.

"Trinity & Mission," Lecture, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, January 2006.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Essay:

"Leadership and the Missional Church Conversation: Listening in on What Leaders in Four Denominational Systems Have to Say," *The Missional Church and Leadership Formation: Helping Congregations Develop Leadership Capacity*. Edited by Craig Van Gelder. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Publishing, Co., 2009.

Journal Articles:

"Formation for the Whole Church: A New/Old Vision of Theological Education in the 21st Century," *Dialogue*, Winter 2014.

"What Happens When Those in High School Read Luther and Bonhoeffer," *The Lutheran*, May 2014.

"Congregational Mission Planning with Children and Youth," *Seeds for the Parish*, Fall 2013.

"Practice of Immersion in the Context." *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 38, No. 5, October 2011.

Book Reviews:

"Family Ministry," Diana R. Garland. IVP Academic, 2012. *Journal of Religious Leadership*, Vol. 13, No. 2, Fall 2014.

"Ministry with Persons with Mental Illness and Their Families," Robert Albers, William H. Meller, and Steven Thurber, Eds., Fortress Press, 2012. *Currents*, Vol. 40, No. 3, June 2013.

"The Missional Church in Perspective: Mapping Trends and Shaping the Conversation." Craig Van Gelder and Dwight Zscheile. Baker Academic, 2011. *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 26, No. 4, Winter 2012.

"Testing the Spirits: How Theology Informs the Study of Congregations." Edited by Patrick Reifert. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2009. *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 25, No. 1, Spring 2011.

"Leadership." James MacGregor Burns. Harper & Row, 1978. *Journal of Religious Leadership*, Vol. 4, No. 1 & 2, 2005.

"Closing the Leadership Gap." Marie C. White. Viking Press, 2004. *Journal of Religious Leadership*, Vol. 3, No. 1 & 2, Spring 2004 & Fall 2004.

"Practicing Theology: Beliefs and Practices in Christian Life." Edited by Mirolsav Volf and Dorothy Bass. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002. *Journal of Religious Leadership*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 2002.

Bibliography & Annotation Work:

The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution. Edited by Rick Bliese and Craig Van Gelder. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 2005.

Editorial & Advisory Work:

Currents in Theology and Mission. Advisory Member to Editorial Board, 2010-2014.

LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL CHURCH WORK EXPERIENCE

- ELCA Triennial Youth Gathering 2008-2015
Team Leader, Interactive Learning, New Orleans, LA (2012), Detroit, MI (2015)
- Led visioning, planning, implementation, and operations for the interactive learning programmatic component of the youth gathering, covering nearly 750,000 square feet of space for over 35,000 participants
 - Supervised team of 250+ people
 - Managed budget, learning outcomes, and evaluations
- Area Team Leader, Interaction Center, New Orleans, LA (2009)
- Directed operations for the Interaction Center Rooms processing 12,000 youth daily
 - Supervised volunteer team of 40+ people
- NE Iowa Synod, Waverly, IA 2009-Present
Wartburg Faculty Representative, Candidacy Committee
- Lord of Life Lutheran, Asbury, IA 2008-Present
Active Member of Local Church,
- Teaching 3rd/4th Grade Sunday School
 - Serving as regular worship assistant
 - Assisting with confirmation ministry
 - Acting member of youth board
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Shoreview, MN 1994-2002
Director of Ministry Development (2000-2002)
- Served as special projects coordinator, creating task forces and doing initial research to start new ministries, such as *Alpha* and *The Shepherd's Path*
 - Wrote weekly devotional materials in conjunction with sermon series and developed curriculum for a new discipleship ministry
 - Served on task force that supervised the transition of the church council to a governing board structure
 - Supervised contextual education students from Luther Seminary
- Director of Life Ministries (1998-2000)
- Coordinated ministry efforts between children, youth and adult ministries.
 - Directed programming of family ministry
 - Supervised Preschool Director and staff
- Director of Children's Ministry (1994-1998)
- Provided leadership in spiritual development plan serving children birth-5th grade
 - Developed, wrote three-year curriculum for new Sunday morning children's ministry
 - Led task force to develop a new weekday preschool ministry on site
- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Racine, WI 1992-1994
Youth Director
- Developed new youth ministry for 7-12th grades.

- Set-up youth and adult leadership teams for long and short-term planning.
- Developed new confirmation program with pastor and parish education associate.

ELCA, Chicago, IL

Short-term Missionary to Japan

1988-1991

- Taught English in the women's junior college.
- Worked in team ministry with Japanese pastor, American missionary at local church.
- Assisted in developing a regional summer bible camp for youth.

Lake Wapogasset Lutheran Bible Camp, Amery, WI
Camp Counselor

Summer 1986

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

International Research Consortium (IRC)
Steering Team (2015-Present)

2014-Present

Academy of Religious Leadership (ARL)
President (2011-2012)
President Elect (2010-2011)
Steering Team (2007-2010)

2003-Present

ELCA Youth Ministry Network

2007-2010

The Allelon Center for Missional Leadership

2006-2008

Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
Emerging Women in Leadership Nominee (January 2018)
Mid-Career Faculty Roundtable Seminar (April 2016)
Newly Appointed Faculty Roundtable Seminar (October 2007)

2007-Present

American Society of Missiology (ASM)

2002-2006, 2012-Present

Wabash Center, Teaching Online Course

Summer 2010

Community Commitments

- Licensed Foster Parent: Racine County, WI and Dubuque County, IA
- Board Member, Project Concern, Dubuque, IA
- Member of Kinect, Dubuque County Foster Parent Advocacy Task Force
- Community Circle of Care Seven County Planning Development Team, Dubuque, IA
- Co-leader for Girl Scout Troop, Dubuque, IA
- Volunteer Coordinator, Great River School, St. Paul, MN
- Co-teacher for Adoption Education Classes, Children's Home Society, St. Paul, MN
- Task Force Member for Minnesota's Waiting Children Program, Children's Home Society, St. Paul, MN
- Foster Parent Association Executive Board Member, Racine County, Racine, WI
- Volunteer working with infants and children, Ji Ai En Institute, Kumamoto, Japan

References

Available upon request.