

Wartburg Faculty Vitae

Dr. Craig Nesson Vita

Personal Information

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Birth Year/Place 1952/Lansing, Michigan
Spouse's Name Cathy

Church Information

Ordination: Place/Date Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lansing, MI/8 October 1978
Local Church Membership St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dubuque
Synodical Membership Central States Synod

Educational History

Doctoral Dissertation:

"The North American Response to Latin American Liberation Theology. Validity and Limitations of a Praxis-Oriented Theology"

Master of Sacred Theology Dissertation:

"Heidegger, Language, and Biblical Interpretation"

Major Areas of Specialization for Teaching Purposes

Systematic Theology, Congregational Mission, Contextual Theology, Ethics

| Degree | Date | College/Seminary/University |
|---|-----------|--|
| Doctor of Theology Major area of concentration: Systematic Theology Minors: New Testament; Practical Theology | July 1986 | University of Munich, Munich, West Germany |
| Master of Sacred Theology Area: Systematic Theology | Dec. 1978 | Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa |
| Master of Divinity | May 1978 | Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa |
| Bachelor of Arts Major: Psychology, Honors College (<i>Magna</i>) | June 1974 | Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan |

Continuing Education

| Year | Activity |
|------|--|
| 2015 | Iowa Writers Workshop, Iowa City, Iowa |

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| 2015 | International Thomas Merton Society, Louisville, Kentucky |
| 1999-2014 | Summer Schools. University of Regensburg, Germany |
| 2005-2014 | International Loehe Society, 2005 (founder with Thomas Schattauer), 2008 (co-president), 2011, 2014 |
| 1987-2007 | American Academy of Religion, regional and national meetings |
| 2006 | Wabash Center Planning Team: Teaching Leadership for Public Engagement |
| 2006 | Educating Clergy, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning |
| 2004 | Leadership and Theological Education, Lilly Foundation |
| 2003 | Workshop on Online Teaching and Rural Ministry, UDTs, Dubuque, IA |
| 2002 | Conference on "Justification Today: Its Meaning and Implications," Lutheran World Federation, Dubuque, IA |
| 2002 | Conference on Congregation-Based Community Development, Delray Beach, Florida |
| 2000-2001 | Workshop on Teaching and Learning, Wartburg Theological Seminary and Wabash Center, Lilly Foundation |
| 2000 | Professional Leadership Conference, Willow Creek Church, Chicago, IL |
| 1997 | International Holocaust Seminar, Tampa, FL |
| 1995/1996 | Workshops on Science and Religion, Templeton Foundation, Chicago, IL, and Oxford, England |
| 1993 | International Paul Tillich Conference, New Harmony, Indiana |
| 1986 | "Liberation Theology," International Ecumenical Seminar, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strassbourg, France |
| 1983 | "Luther, Church and Society," International Ecumenical Seminar, Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strassbourg, France |
| 1981 | International Holocaust Seminar, National Institute on the Holocaust, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 1977 | Seminar on Alcohol Addiction, Johnson Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota |
| 1976 | Clinical Pastoral Education, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan |

Prior Service/Positions Held

| Date | Academic Position/Name/Place |
|-------------|---|
| 1989-93 | Instructor, Philosophy and Religion Department, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
| 1982-86 | Research Assistant/Assistant Professor, University of Regensburg, Regensburg, West Germany |
| Date | Pastoral Position/Name/Place |
| 1987-94 | Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church, Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
| 1978-82 | Pastor, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, PA |
| Date | Business/Industry/Organizational Position/Name Place |
| 1974-76 | General Secretary, Dubuque County Association for Retarded |

Service at Wartburg

| Date | Position/Rank |
|-----------------|--|
| 2016-present | William D. Steng Professor for Education and the Renewal of the Church |
| 2004-present | Professor of Contextual Theology and Ethics |
| 1999-present | Academic Dean |
| 2000-05 | Director, Cultivating Pastoral Leadership. (Lilly Grant) |
| 1998-2004 | Associate Professor of Contextual Theology |
| 1994 (Jan)-1998 | Assistant Professor of Contextual Theology |

Theses Supervised

| Year | Degree Title | Student | |
|------|--------------|-------------------|---|
| 2019 | MDiv | Hayden Kvamme | "The Character of the Justified Sinner" |
| | MA | Nicole Garcia | "A Faithful Response to Migration" |
| 2017 | MDiv | Marlow Carrels | "Veterans Speak: Just War Tradition" |
| 2016 | MDiv | Eric Hanson | "The Hope of Grace: Exploring the New Atheism, the Church, and the Gospel" |
| 2015 | MA | Morgan Berg | "Completing Life on Holy Ground: The Value of Pastoral Care through Hospice" |
| 2012 | MDiv | Matt Agee | "Twelve Steps as a Means of Grace" |
| 2011 | MDiv | Wendy Kalan | "Listening for Indigenous Voices of Papua New Guinea with Consideration for the 125 Years of Lutheran Mission History" |
| 2010 | MDiv | Dena Stinson | "Prisoners of Hope: The Struggle for Namibian Independence, the Church, and the Gospel" |
| 2010 | STM | Man-Hei Yip | "The Truth in a Pluralistic World: A Dialogue with Lesslie Newbigin" |
| ABD | STM | Christopher Mbuga | "From Partnership to Companionship: The Impact of the Companion Congregation Program to the Life and Mission of the Congregation" |
| 2005 | M.A. | Nicholas Cordray | "Created Male and Female: a Lutheran Hermeneutical Perspective on Human Sexuality" |
| 2005 | M.A. | Tara Ulrich | "Biblical Storytelling in a Digital Age" |
| 2004 | M.A. | Jessica Bunger | "The Effectiveness of Short-term Mission Trips In Nurturing a Lifestyle of Servanthood Among Youth" |
| 2004 | M.A. | Kevin Grondahl | "The Impact of Outdoor Ministry on the Faith Formation of Adolescents" |
| 2004 | STM | Jennifer Henry | "Core Theology: Discerning the Center" |

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| 2003 | M.A. | Michael A. Eason | of Faith" "Effective Ministry Through Small Groups: A Benefit to the Individual, Church, and Community" |
| 2002 | M.A. | Fred Olinger | "Congregation-Based Community Youth Ministry" |
| 1999 | M.A. | Lori L. Liverance | "Faith Nurture in the Christian Family: Strengthening the Church's Mission in the Home" |
| 1999 | S.T.M. | Andries Pula Vilander | "Modeling a Multi-Cultural Sunday School for the 21 st Century: A Namibian Perspective" |
| 1998 | S.T.M. | Benson Bagonza | "Doing Theology and Development in Tanzania: Towards a Christological Approach" |
| 1998 | M.A. | Amy Mueller | "Habitat for Humanity: The Place for Evangelism and Social Ministry in an Ecumenical Christian Housing Program" |
| 1998 | M.A. | Elizabeth Reinking | "Spirituality in the Context of Postmodernism: The Christian Church's Response" |
| 1998 | M.A. | Sue Yelkin | "Enfleshing Our Words: An Incarnational Geography" |
| 1997 | M.Div. | Elizabeth Polanzke | "Generation X: An Invitation to Mission" |
| 1996 | S.T.M. | Elisa R. Buberwa | "Spirits and Ancestors in African Traditional Religion" |

Courses Taught Across Division/Discipline/School Lines

| Year | Course Number and Title | |
|-------------|---|--|
| | (IN: integrated course, ST: STM course) | |
| 2014, 2016 | IN 242W | Stewarding Boundaries |
| 2013 | IN 102W | Jesus Christ and Plural Worlds |
| 2004-2014 | IN 100W | Theology in Context |
| 2006 | IN 213W | Evangelism and Community Development |
| 2003-2014 | IN 106W | Spiritual Practices |
| 1995-2016 | IN 206W | Theology of the Congregation |
| 1994-1999 | IN 200W | Antiracism Workshop |
| 1999 | IN 306W | Bible in the Parish: Endings and Beginnings – The Book of Revelation |
| 1996 | ST 495W | Contextual Theology (with Prof. James Nieman) |

Service in the Institutional Church

| Date | Position/Board/Council/Agency/Etc. |
|--------------|--|
| 2012-present | ELCA Missional Leadership Roundtable |
| 2011-present | Co-editor, <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> |

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| 2011-2012 | Missional Church Initiative, Waterloo/Cedar Falls, IA |
| 1999-present | ELCA Academic Deans |
| 1999-present | Covenant Cluster Academic Deans |
| 1994-99 | Discipline Committee, Central States Synod |
| 1991-95 | Continuing Education Committee, Central States Synod |
| 1990-93 | Synod Council, Central States Synod |

Current Learned Societies/Professional Groups

American Academy of Religion
 International Bonhoeffer Society
 International Loehe Society (founder; former Co-President)
 International Thomas Merton Society
 North American Paul Tillich Society
 Association for Theological Field Education
 Chief Academic Officers Society, Association of Theological Schools

Other Organizations

Bread for the World
 Fellowship of Reconciliation
 Lutheran Peace Fellowship
 Dubuque Community Y (Board Member, 2005-2010)

Honors and Educational Grants

2016 Installation as the William D. Streng Professor for Education and the Renewal of the Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
 2016 Award of Excellence (first place), Associated Church Press
 2015 Sabbatical Year, Wartburg Theological Seminary
 2008-09 Sabbatical Year, Wartburg Theological Seminary
 2005 Award of Commendation, Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, MO
 2000-01 Sabbatical Year, Wartburg Theological Seminary
 1997-98 Workshop on Teaching and Learning, Wabash Center, Lilly Foundation
 1996 Honorable Mention, John Templeton Foundation Award for Exemplary Papers in Theology and Science
 1995 John Templeton Foundation Award for Courses in Science and Religion
 1974 Phi Beta Kappa

Publications

Books

| Year | Title, Publisher |
|------|---|
| 2020 | <i>Wilhelm Loehe and North America: Historical Perspective and Living Legacy.</i> Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock. |
| 2019 | <i>Paul Leo: Lutherischer Pastor mit jüdischen Wurzeln (1893-1958).</i> Nordhausen: Verlag Traugott Bautz. Carsten Linden and Craig L. Nessian. |
| 2016 | <i>Radicalizing Reformation: North American Perspectives.</i> Zürich: Lit Verlag. Edited with Karen L. Bloomquist and Hans Ulrich. |

- 2016 *The Integrity of the Body of Christ: Boundary Keeping as Shared Responsibility.* Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock. Craig L. Nesson and Arden Mahlberg.
- 2015 *Liberation from Violence for Life in Peace. Radicalizing Reformation,* Volume 4. Berlin: Lit Verlag. Craig L. Nesson and Ulrich Duchrow, Editors.
- 2014 *Theology in Engagement with Church and Politics. Hans Schwarz on the Occasion of his 75th Birthday.* Matthias Heesch, Thomas Kothmann, and Craig L. Nesson, Editors. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang
- 2012 *The Vitality of Liberation Theology.* Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock.
- 2011 *Liberating Lutheran Theology: Freedom for Justice and Solidarity with Others in a Global Context.* Paul S. Chung, Ulrich Duchrow, and Craig L. Nesson. Minneapolis/Geneva: Fortress/WCC
- 2010 *Shalom Church: The Body of Christ as Social Ministry.* Minneapolis: Fortress
- 2010 *Beyond Maintenance to Mission: A Theology of the Congregation.* Second edition. Minneapolis: Fortress
- 2009 *Doing Theology in a Global Context: A Festschrift for the Reverend Professor Dr. Hans Schwarz on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday.* Craig L. Nesson and Thomas Kothmann, Editors. Bangalore: ATC
- 2008 *Transforming Leadership.* With Norma Cook Everist. Minneapolis: Fortress
- 2006 *Life Together at Wartburg Theological Seminary 1854-2004.* By William H. Weiblen. Editor of Sesquicentennial Edition. Dubuque: Wartburg Theological Seminary
- 2005 *The Theology of Wartburg Theological Seminary 1854-2004.* Dubuque: Wartburg Theological Seminary
- 2005 *The Evangelizing Church: A Lutheran Contribution.* Contributing author. Edited by Richard H. Bliese and Craig Van Gelder. Minneapolis: Fortress
- 2005 *Forming an Evangelizing People: Perspectives and Questions for Use in the Church.* Editor with Norma Cook Everist. Dubuque: Wartburg Theological Seminary
- 2004 *Many Members, Yet One Body: Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church.* Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress
- 2003 *Give Us This Day: A Lutheran Proposal for Ending World Hunger.* Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress
- 2003 *The Air I Breathe Is Wartburg Air: The Legacy of William H. Weiblen.* Eugene: Wipf and Stock
- 2002 *Who Is Christ for Us?* With Renate Wind. Minneapolis: Fortress Press
- 2000 *Chi sei tu, O Cristo? Un libro ecumenico di le Hura sulla cristologia di Dietrich Bonhoeffer.* With Renate Wind. Brescia: Queriniana
- 1999 *Beyond Maintenance to Mission: A Theology of the Congregation.* Minneapolis: Fortress Press
- 1998 *Wer bist Du, Christus? Ein ökumenisches Lesebuch zur Christologie Dietrich Bonhoeffers.* With Renate Wind. Gütersloh: Chr Kaiser/Gütersloher Verlagshaus
- 1989 *Orthopraxis or Heresy: The North American Theological Response to Latin American Liberation Theology.* Atlanta: Scholars Press

Chapters in Books

| Year | Title/Book/Publisher |
|------|--|
| 2020 | “The Relation of Justification and Sanctification in the Lutheran Tradition.” In Al Truesdale, Editor. <i>All Things Needed for Godliness: A Portrait of Holiness among Christian Traditions</i> . Kansas City: The Foundry Publishing, pp. 81-94. |
| 2018 | “Learning from the Barmen Declaration of 1934: Theological-Ethical-Political Commentary.” In Matthias Heesch, Russell Kleckley, and Hans Schwarz, Editors. <i>Flight, Migration, and Integration: A Question for Christian Theology and Social Engagement</i> . Berlin: Peter Lang, pp. 277-283. |
| 2018 | “Universal Priesthood of All Believers: Unfulfilled Promise of the Reformation.” In Claudia Jahnelt, Editor. <i>Reflecting Reformation and the Call for Renewal in a Globalized and Post-Colonial World</i> . Erlangen: Erlanger Verlag für Mission und Ökumene, pp. 69-84. |
| 2018 | “Foreword.” In Hermann Vorländer. <i>Church in Motion: The History of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Bavaria</i> . Eugene: Wipf & Stock, pp. xi-xii. |
| 2018 | “Luther’s Two Strategies and Political Advocacy: Law, Righteousness, Reason, Will, and Works in Their Civil Use.” In Marie A. Failinger and Ronald W. Duty, Editors. <i>Lutheran Theology and Secular Law: The Work of the Modern State</i> . New York: Routledge, pp. 63-74. |
| 2018 | “Prophetic Utterance: Behold, I Tell You a Mystery,” Sermon on 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 based on Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> . In Karl Friedrich Ulrichs, Editor. <i>Predigten zu Handels Oratorium Messiah</i> . Berlin: EB-Verlag, pp. 178-183. |
| 2016 | “Más allá de la Reforma ética de Lutero: campesinos, anabaptistas y judíos,” in Martin Hoffmann, Daniel C. Beros, and Ruth Mooney, Editors. <i>Radicalizando la Reforma: Otra Theologia para Otro Mundo</i> . San José: Sebila; La Aurora, pp. 301-331. |
| 2016 | “The Neighborliness (<i>Diakonia</i>) of All Believers: Toward Reimagining the Universal Priesthood.” In Kathryn A. Kleinhans, Editor. <i>Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans</i> . Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress, pp. 143-146. |
| 2016 | “Theological Curriculum at the <i>Missionsseminar</i> Neuendettelsau in the 19 th Century: The Contribution of Christliche Dogmatik and Christliche Ethik by F. Bauer/J. Deinzer/M. Deinzer.” Chapter 11 in Dietrich Blaufuss and Jacob Corzine, Editors. <i>Wilhelm Löhe und Bildung/ Wilhelm Loehe and Christian Formation</i> . Neuendettelsau: Freimund, 2016, pp. 183-197. |
| 2015 | “Beyond Luther to Ethical Reformation: Peasants, Anabaptists, Jews,” in Craig L. Nesson and Ulrich Duchrow, Editors. <i>Liberation from Violence for Life in Peace. Radicalizing Reformation</i> , Volume 4. Berlin: Lit Verlag, |
| 2014 | “Law, Righteousness, Reason, Will, and Works: Civil and Theological Uses,” in <i>Theology in Engagement with Church and Politics</i> . Hans Schwarz on the Occasion of his 75 th Birthday. Matthias Heesch, Thomas Kothmann, and Craig L. Nesson, Editors. Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, |

- pp. 317-324.
- 2014 "Friedrich Bauer zum 200. Geburtstag: Genealogie eines vegessenen Vorfahren," in Claudia Jahnel and Hermann Vorländer, editors, *Friedrich Bauer (18-12-1874): Pionier in der Weltmission, Wegbereiter des Duden*. Neuendettelsau: Erlanger Verlag, pp. 245-264.
- 2013 "Wilhelm Loehe in Deindörfer's History of the Iowa Synod," in Dietrich Blaufuss, editor, *Wilhelm Löhe: Theologie und Geschichte/Theology and History*. Neuendettelsau: Freimund Verlag, pp. 73-85.
- 2013 "Foreword," Paul S. Chung, *Hermeneutical Theology and the Imperative of Public Ethics: Confession Christ in Post-Colonial World Christianity*. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications.
- 2013 "Foreword," in Wayne L. Menking, *When All Else Fails: Rethinking Our Pastoral Vocation in Times of STUCK*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock.
- 2013 "Foreword," in James L. Bailey, *Contrast Community: Practicing the Sermon on the Mount*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock.
- 2012 "Die Occupy [Wall Street] Bewegung. Theologische Impulse und Befreiungspraxis," in Richard Edtbauer and Alexa Köhler-Offierski, Editors, *Welt—Geld—Gott*, Evangelische Hochschulperspektiven, Volume 8. Freiburg: Verlag Forschung—Entwicklung—Lehre, pp. 243-254, 305.
- 2012 "The Cross as Foundation for the Ministry of Reconciliation: Ending Violence in Our Endangered Globe," in Hans Schwarz and Thomas Kothmann, Editors. *Regional Issues in Globalization: A Theological Assessment. Glaube und Denken* Special Issue 2012. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, pp. 297-310.
- 2012 "Wilhelm Loehe's Relationship to the Iowa Synod," in John A. Maxfield, Editor, *Wilhelm Loehe and the Nineteenth-Century Revival of Lutheran Confessionalism and Mission*. The Pieper Lectures, Volume 13. St. Louis: Concordia Historical Institute, pp. 35-52.
- 2011 "Orthopraxis," in Ian A. McFarland, et al., Editors, *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christian Theology*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, p. 361.
- 2011 "A Well-Formed Stewardship Leader Is Grounded in Biblical and Theological Principles," in Catherine Malotky, Editor, *How Much Is Enough? A Deeper Look at Stewardship in an Age of Abundance*. Columbia, SC: ELCA Region 9, pp. 8-14.
- 2010 "Wilhelm Loehe: A Bibliography of Literature in English," (with Lauren Tilley) in Erika Geiger, *The Life, Work, and Influence of Wilhelm Loehe 1808-1872*. St. Louis: Concordia, pp. 262-271.
- 2010 "Interpreting the Bible Lutheranly: Between the Undertow and a Tsunami," in *Lutheran Perspectives on Biblical Interpretation*. Laurie Jungling, Editor. Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, pp. 11-35.
- 2010 "Was mir Wilhelm Loehe bedeutet," in Stefan Bär, *Was mir Loehe bedeutet: Stimmen zu Wilhelm Loehe aus heutiger Sicht*. Fürth: Wilhelm-Loehe-Gedenkstätte, pp. 11-13.
- 2009 "Foreword," in Paul Chung. *The Spirit of God Transforming Life: Reformation and the Holy Spirit*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

- 2009 "Foreword," in Rudolf Wentorf. *Paul Schneider: Witness of Buchenwald*. Vancouver: Regent College Publishing
- 2009 "Introduction," in Hans Schwarz. *Planting Trees*. New York: Edwin Mellen
- 2009 "The Influence of Latin American Liberation Theology on Systematic Theology in Germany," in Craig L. Nesson and Thomas Kothmann, Editors. *Doing Theology in a Global Context: A Festschrift for the Reverend Professor Dr. Hans Schwarz on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*. Bangalore: ATC
- 2009 "Wilhelm Löhe und die Iowa Synode: Missionskorrespondenz 1852-1872," in Dietrich Blaufuß, editor, *Wilhelm Loehe: Erbe und Vision*. Proceedings of the International Loehe Society Conference II, July 22-26, 2008. Gütersloh: Gütersloher Verlagshaus, pp. 282-293.
- 2008 "Loehe in America: Two Historical Trajectories in the Missouri and Iowa Synods," in Hermann Schoenauer, editor, *Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872): Seine Bedeutung für Kirche und Diakonie*. Stuttgart: W. Kohlhammer, pp. 103-117.
- 2006 "Epilog," in Paul Chung, editor, *Asian Contextual Theology for the Third Millennium: Theology of Minjung in Fourth-Eye Formation*. Eugene: Wipf & Stock, pp. 349-353.
- 2006 "*Theology in a Global Context: On the Way to the Future*": in Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Group 37. Edited by Lori K. Pearson. Eugene: Wipf & Stock; pp. 171-180
- 2005 "Social Ministry and Evangelism," in C. Nesson and N Cook Everist, editors, *Forming an Evangelizing People*, pp. 14-15
- 2004 "Christian Political Responsibility: Reappropriating Luther's Two Kingdoms," in Anna M Madsen, editor, *The Significance of Theology for Society: Glaube und Denken*. Sonderband. Frankfurt: Peter Lang, pp. 169-177.
- 2002 "We Are the Body of Christ: Ecclesiology for a Church in Mission." In *The Difficult but Indispensable Church*, edited by Norma Cook Everist. Minneapolis: Fortress Press
- 1995 "The Fall from Dreaming Innocence: What Tillich Said Philosophically in Light of Evolutionary Science," in *Paul Tillich's Theological Legacy: Spirit and Community*, edited by Frederick J. Parrella, 104-117. Berlin: de Gruyter

Translator/Co-Translator

Year

- 201 *Diakonissen für America: Sozialer Protestantismus in internationaler Perspektive im 19. Jahrhundert*, edited by Roland Liebenberg, Klaus Raschzok, Gury Schneider-Lüdorf, and Matthias Honold. Leipzig: Evmagelische Verlagsanstalt.

DVD/Podcast Publications

| Year | Title |
|------|---|
| 2006 | <i>Ethics in Lutheran Perspective</i> . Select Learning. 12 lectures and Study Guide. |
| 2020 | “Embodying the Sacraments.” Podcast in Digital Worship series: https://www.buzzsprout.com/949903 |

Edited Journal Issues

| Year | Title |
|------|---|
| 2018 | |
| 2017 | |
| 2016 | |
| 2015 | Issue Editor, "Lutheran Journals for Church and Academy: Learning from the Past, Envisioning the Future." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 43 (January 2016). |
| 2015 | Issue Editor, "The Future of Diaconal Ministry." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 42 (July 2015). |
| 2014 | Co-editor, Theme Issue: "A Festschrift for Duane Priebe at Eighty," <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 41 (February). |
| 2013 | Co-editor with Kathleen Billman, Theme Issue: "Sola Scriptura, the Year of Matthew, and <i>Ecclesia Semper Reformanda</i> ." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 40 (December). |
| 2013 | Editor, Theme Issue: "Global and Interreligious Perspectives on Christian Mission." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 40 (April). |
| 2012 | Co-editor with Thomas H. Schattauer, Theme Issue: "Wilhelm Loehe: Theological Impact and Historical Influence." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 39 (February) |
| 2011 | Co-editor with Norma Cook Everist, Theme Issue: "Twelve Pastoral Practices for the Life and Mission of the Church." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 38 (October) |
| 2009 | Co-editor with Kathleen D. Billman, Theme Issue: "Contemporary Perspectives on Stewardship and Tithing: Issue Dedicated to the Memory of Robert J. Furreboe and Connie M. Kleingartner." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 36 (October) |
| 2006 | Editor, Wilhelm Loehe and His Legacy, <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 33 |
| 2005 | Editor with David A Roozen, <i>Theological Education</i> 40 (Supplement): <i>Listening to Congregations</i> |

Articles

| Date | Title of Article/Name of Journal |
|------|--|
| 2020 | "Case Studies on ELCA Social Statements: For Personal Reflection and Group Discussion," edited case studies by WTS students. <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 47 (April 2020): 25-40. |
| 2020 | "Calling a Thing What It Is: Confronting the American Genocide of Indigenous Peoples." (Dedicated to the Life and Legacy of the Rev. Dr. Gordon J. Straw). <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 47 (January 2020): 23-28. |
| 2019 | "Learning from the Barmen Declaration of 1934: Theological-Ethical-Political Commentary." In <i>Journal of Lutheran Ethics</i> (December 2019/January 2020): https://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/1292 |
| 2019 | "Back to the <i>Zukunft: Mestizaje, Hybridity, and the Loehe Legacy</i> ," <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 46 (July 2019): 44-49. |
| 2019 | "Universal Priesthood of All Believers: Unfulfilled Promise of the Reformation," <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 46 (Jan 2019): 8-15. |
| 2018 | "Adventures into Digital Teaching, Learning, and Formation: A Case Study from Wartburg Theological Seminary," <i>Journal of Religious Leadership</i> 17 (Fall 2018): 20-45. With Kristine Stache. |
| 2018 | "Jesus Christ as the Final Scapegoat: Mobilizing Nonviolent Movements for Change," <i>Review of Ecumenical Studies</i> 11 (2/2018): 230-237. |
| 2018 | "Child Liberation Theology," <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 45 (July 2018): 6-13. |
| 2018 | "Luther against the Jews: The Ethics of Historical Interpretation," <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 45 (January 2018): 5-10. |
| 2017 | "Luther against the Jews: Repudiating a Reformation Legacy," <i>Tikkun</i> 32 (Summer 2017):34-38. |
| 2016 | "Seminary Deans Ponder Christian Vocation," <i>Living Lutheran</i> 1 (May 2016):42-43. |
| 2015 | "Life of Faith Initiative: Key Terms." |
| 2015 | "Life of Faith Initiative: How Worship Practices Form Us for Ministry in Daily Life." |
| 2015 | "An Intergenerational Curriculum Based on Affirmation of Baptism: A Life of Faith Initiative Resource." |
| 2015 | "The Diaconal Ministry of Jesus Christ." <i>Currents in Theology and Mission</i> 42 (July 2015): 233-235. |
| 2015 | "Shalom Church: Being the Body of Christ in a Nonreligious |

- World,” *The Lutheran* 28 (June 2015):14-15.
- 2015 “‘Still Here’: Why we Are Glad they are Gone,” Editorial, in *Dialog* 54(Spring 2015: 1-2.
- 2014 “Preaching Helps. Fourth and Fifth Sundays after Epiphany, February 1 & 8, 2015,” in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 41(December 2014): 429-432.
- 2014 “Law, Righteousness, Reason, Will, and Works: Civil and Theological Uses,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 41 (February 2014): 51-56.
- 2013 “Priesthood of All Believers: Reimagining Universal Priesthood as Neighborliness of All Believers,” *The Lutheran* (September):
- 2013 “Re-invoking the Spirit of Vatican II: The Questions of Married Priests and Women’s Ordination,” in *Dialog* 52 (Spring): 4-6.
- 2013 “The Cross as Foundation for the Ministry of Reconciliation: Ending Violence in Our Endangered World, in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 40 (April 2013): 95-105.
- 2013 “The Occupy [Wall Street] Movement: Theological Impulses and Liberation Praxis,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 40 (February 2013): 40-57.
- 2012 “Friedrich Bauer (1812-1874), Hidden Behind the Giant of Neuendettelsau,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 26 (Winter 2012): 395-411.
- 2012 “What If the Church Really is the Body of Christ? *Dialog* 51(Spring): 43-52.
- 2012 “Wilhelm Loehe in Deindoerfer’s History of the Iowa Synod,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 39 (February): 65-71.
- 2011 “The Practice of Pastoral Concern,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 38 (October 2011): 346-349.
- 2011 “Thine Is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory: New Vistas for the Theology of the Cross,” *Dialog* 50 (Spring 2011):81-89.
- 2011 “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread,” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 38 (February 2011): 48-52 (with Stacy Kitahata).
- 2010 “Mission and Theological Education—Berlin, Athens, and Tranquebar: A North American Perspective,” *Mission Studies* 27 (2010): 176-193.
- 2010 “Wilhelm Loehe’s Iowa Missionary Correspondence 1852-1872,” *Lutheran Quarterly* 24 (Summer 2010): 137-150.
- 2010 Review: Mark W. Thomsen, *Jesus, the Word, and the Way of the Cross: An Engagement with Muslims, Buddhists, and Other Peoples of Faith*. In *Currents in Theology and Mission*.
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- 2006 "Loehe and His Coworkers in the Iowa Synod," *Currents in Theology and Mission* 33 (April):138-144
- 2006 "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Theologian, Martyr," *The Lutheran: Southeastern Iowa Synod*, February, 30A.
- 2005 "Reappropriating Luther's Two Kingdoms," *Lutheran Quarterly* 19 (Fall):302-311
- 2005 "Rethinking Pastoral Formation at Wartburg Theological Seminary: Using Graduates' Experiences in Parish Leadership," *Theological Education* 40 (Supplement):1-24
- 2005 "The Ethics of Forgiveness," *The Clergy Journal* (April)
- 2005 "Have We the Moral Courage? We Must Make Ending Hunger a Core Conviction of Our Church," *The Lutheran* 18 (March):52f.
- 2004 "Missionary Theology and Wartburg Theological Seminary," *Currents in Theology and Mission* 31 (April):85-95
- 2004 "Lutheran Social Ministry: Reclaiming Luther's Two Kingdoms" *Missio Apostolica*
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- 2003 "Living by Hope, Dreaming God's Dream" *Currents in Theology and Mission* 30 (June):180-188
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- 2001 "Missionary God, Missionary Congregations" *Dialog* 40 (Summer):112-117
- 2001 "Christian Imagination and Congregational Evangelism" *Currents in Theology & Mission* 28 (Feb):38-46
- 2001 "Internship: A Rite of Passage" *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry* 21:167-177
- 2000 "Surviving Congregational Leadership: A Theology of Family Systems" *Word & World* 20 (Fall):390-399
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- 2000 "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" Four essays: (1) Biblical Witness: The Justice Tradition; (2) The Prayer Jesus Taught Us; (3) Hunger Imperatives; and (4) Stopping Hunger – A Matter of *Status Confessionis*? *Currents in Theology & Mission* 27 (June):165-191.
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- 1998 "How Apocalypticism Constrains God's Future: Toward an Evolutionary Eschatology." *Dialog* 37 (Fall):269-276
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- 1997 "Sunrise: We live in a World of Grace." *The Lutheran* 10 (June):3
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- 1995 "Confirmation as Youth Ministry: The Task of Christian Formation." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 22 (August):268-274
- 1995 "When Faith Turns Fatal: David Koresh and Tragic Misreadings of Revelation." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 22 (June):191-199
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- 1994 "Hinayana and Discipleship: Renewing Christian Education." *Lutheran Partners* 10 (March-April):30-35
- 1994 "Confessing the Gospel of Jesus Faithfully: The Contest over Christology." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 21 (Feb):5-20
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- 1991 "How Social is the Gospel?" *Currents in Theology and Mission* 18 (June):166-175
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- 1988 "Basic Christian Community: Liberation Theology in Praxis." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 15 (August):336-341
- 1986 "Poverty: The Biblical Witness and Contemporary Reality." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 13 (August):236-238
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1996-2007 Book Review Editor, History and Theology, *Currents in Theology and Mission*

Lectures and Presentations (representative)

| Year | Activity |
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| Nov. 2018 | "You Give Them Something to Eat," Eastern North Dakota Hunger and Justice Committee, Grand Forks, North Dakota. |
| Oct. 2018 | "Preaching Pastorally and Prophetically in an Era of Polarization and Messy Politics," Cedar Forum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. |
| Sept. 2018 | "Preaching Pastorally and Prophetically in an Era of Polarization and Messy Politics," Fort Dodge Forum, Fort Dodge, Iowa. |
| July 2018 | "Learning from the Barmen Declaration of 1934: Theological-Ethical-Political Commentary," University of Regensburg, Germany |
| June 2018 | "Shifting Our Thinking as the People of Jesus Christ in the 21 st Century," Northern Illinois Synod. |
| March 2018 | "Faith and Vitality: Beyond Maintenance to Mission," Northern Illinois Synod Northwest Conference. |
| March 2018 | "Spiritual Roots and Prophetic Proclamation: Church Leadership in Polarizing Times," Pitchfork and Hay: A Theological Retreat, Shalom Hill Farm, Minnesota. |
| Jan. 2018 | "Ministry in Difficult Times: Preaching and Leading within Politically and Socially Diverse Communities," Northern Illinois Synod North Conference. |
| Jan. 2018 | "Preaching Pastorally and Prophetically in an Era of Polarization and Messy Politics," Northeastern Minnesota Synod. |
| Feb. 2017 | "Being Body of Christ," Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Preachers Conference, Carol Joy Holling Camp |
| Feb. 2017 | "Luther's Two Strategies," "Wittenberg Declaration 2017," and "Luther Against the Jews," Our Saviour's Lutheran Church and Lutheran Campus Ministry/University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona |
| Feb. 2017 | "Luther and the Reformation," Faith Lutheran Church, Marion, Iowa |
| March 2017 | "Who Is Jesus Christ for Us Today? The Significance of Bonhoeffer," Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| May 2017 | "Spirituality, Evangelizing, and Shalom Church," Grace Institute, Dubuque |
| June 2017 | "Lutherans Always Reforming," Keynote address and workshop leader, North West Lower Michigan Synod, East Lansing, Michigan |
| Aug. 2017 | "Luther and the Jews: The Trajectory of Tragic Writings," Luther Congress, Wittenberg, Germany |
| Sept. 2017 | "Luther and the Reformation: Living Legacy," Central Southern Illinois, Carbondale, Illinois |
| Oct. 2017 | "Lutheran-Roman Catholic Relations at the Reformation Anniversary," Maryville, Missouri |
| Oct. 2017 | "Lutherans and Social Advocacy," Lutheran Advocacy Ministry, Albuquerque, New Mexico |
| Oct. 2017 | "Luther and the Reformation," Lutheran Church of the Reformation, Roseville, Minnesota |
| Oct. 2017 | "Luther and the Reformation," Theologian in Residence Program, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Mahtomedi, Minnesota |
| Oct 2016 | "Back to the <i>Zukunft</i> : Hybridity and the Loehe Legacy," Installation as the William D. Streng Professor for Education and the Renewal of the |

July 2016 Church, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
 "Universal Priesthood of Believers: Unfulfilled Promise of the Reformation," Mission Eine-Welt, Neuendettelsau, Germany
 June 2016 "Mission Means Ministry of the Baptized in Daily Life," Greater Milwaukee Synod Assembly, Kenosha, WI
 March 2016 "Mission Means Ministry of the Baptized in Daily Life," Covenant Cluster Network, Omaha, NE
 Feb. 2016 "Luther's Writings against the Jews: Repudiating a Reformation Legacy," Center for Global Theologies, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
 Jan. 2016 "Evangelizing Church, Shalom, Church," Calvary Lutheran Church, Two Rivers, WI
 Jan. 2016 "Being Body of Christ: Evangelizing and Serving," Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Naples, FL
 Jan. 2016 "Pastors Academy: Two Kingdoms, Worship, Evangelizing, Shalom Church," Skalholt, Iceland
 Oct. 2015 "Reformation Festival: Luther's Two Strategies," Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlington, IA
 Sept. 2015 "We Are Church Together," Western Iowa Synod, Clear Lake, IA
 May 2015 "Ascension Day: Sermon and Shalom Church," Augustana College, Rock Island, IL
 May 2015 "Spirituality and Evangelizing," Grace Institute, Dubuque, IA
 March 2015 "Leading Through Change," Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque, IA
 Oct. 2014 "Life-Giving Relationships," Faith Lutheran Church, Marion, IA
 Sept. 2014 "Shalom Church," Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Ankeny, IA
 July 2014 "The Historical Influence of Friedrich Bauer's Theological Formation in the North American Context," International Loehe Society, Neuendettelsau, Germany
 Jan. 2014 "Shalom Church," Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign, IL
 Sept. 2013 "Reinventing Leadership", Western North Dakota Synod, Medora, ND
 Oct. 2013 "Living Stewardship," Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock, IL.
 June 2013 "Shalom Church," Luther Academy of the Rockies, Allenspark, CO.
 May 2013 "Mission Possible: Light the Fuse," Nebraska Synod Assembly, Kearney, NE.
 May 2013 "Spirituality and Evangelizing," Grace Institute, Dubuque, IA.
 Sept. 2012 "
 April 2013 "Theological Education Today," Conference Meeting, Knoxville, IL.
 March 2013 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI.
 March 2013 "Food, Faith, and Fasting," Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque, IA.
 Feb. 2013 "Shalom Church," Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI.
 Nov. 2012 "Transforming Leadership," Conference Meeting, Bellevue, IA.
 Sept. 2012 "Becoming Evangelizing and Shalom Church," South Dakota Synod, Pierre, SD
 Sept. 2012 "Shalom Church," Eastern North Dakota Synod, Detroit Lakes, MN.
 July 2012 "Friedrich Bauer: Geneologie eines vergessenen Vorfahren," 200th

- July 2012 Anniversary Celebration of Friedrich Bauer, Neuendettelsau, Germany.
 “The Cross as Foundation for the Ministry of Reconciliation,” University of Regensburg, Germany.
- June 2012 “God’s Two Strategies in Lutheran Theology,” Mission Institute for Indonesian Theologians, Neuendettelsau, Germany
- June 2012 “Occupy [Wall Street] Movement: Theological Impulses and Liberation Praxis,” Munich/Regensburg/Erlangen/Nuremberg/Neuendettelsau/Heidelberg, Germany
- June 2012 “Medical Ethics,” Trinity Hospital, Rock Island, IL.
- April 2012 “God’s Two Strategies,” Grace Lutheran Church, Woodstock, IL.
- April 2012 “Transforming Leadership: Being Body of Christ,” United Methodist School of Theology, Des Moines, IA.
- March 2013 “Beyond Maintenance to Mission,” Resurrection Lutheran Church, Ankeny, IA.
- March 2012 “Care, Share, Dare: Courage in Caring Community,” Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque, IA.
- Feb. 2012 “Loehe in America,” Loehe Anniversary Conference, Fürth, Germany.
- Jan. 2012 “Living Evangelizing and Shalom Church,” Oregon, Synod, Cannon Beach, OR.
- Jan. 2012 “Becoming Evangelizing Church,” Conference Meeting, Ft. Dodge, IA.
- Nov. 2011 “Beyond Maintenance to Mission,” Faith Lutheran Church, Marion, IA.
- Oct. 2011 “Reformation,” Elkport Lutheran Church, Elkport, IA
- July 2011 “Wilhelm Loehe in Deindoerfer’s History of the Iowa Synod,” International Loehe Society, Ft. Wayne, IN.
- May 2011 “Spirituality and Evangelizing,” Grace Institute, Dubuque, IA.
- April 2011 “Shalom Church,” Tri-States Forum, Dubuque, IA.
- March 2011 “Ending Hunger,” Conference Meeting, Mt. Pleasant, MI.
- Jan. 2011 “The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” Our Savior Lutheran Church, Greeley, CO.
- Oct. 2010 “Ending Hunger,” St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA.
- July 2010 “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread,” Bible Study, Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Stuttgart, Germany
- July 2010 “The Influence of Latin American Liberation Theology on Systematic Theology in Germany,” University of Regensburg, Germany.
- June 2010 “Same-Gender Committed Relationships and the Mission of the Church,” St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA.
- March 2010 “Beyond Maintenance to Mission,” Northern Illinois Synod, DeKalb, IL.
- Jan. 2010 “Transforming Leadership,” Zumbro River Conference, Austin, MN
- Jan. 2010 “Transforming Leadership for Missional Church,” South Central Synod of Wisconsin, Black Earth, WI.
- Oct. 2009 “The Cross and the Ethics of Reconciliation,” International Partners-Lutheran Bishops Conference, Arusha, Tanzania.
- May 2009 “Spirituality and Evangelizing,” Grace Institute, Sinsinawa, WI.
- April 2009 “The Practice of Visioning,” Alban Institute, Sinsinawa, WI.
- Feb/Mar. 2009 “Interpreting the Bible Lutheranly: Between the Undertow and a Tsunami,” Hein-Fry Lectures, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Florida/California.

Dec. 2008 "Transforming Leadership," Cedar Rapids Forum, Cedar Rapids, IA
Oct. 2008 "Lutheran Leadership and Collegiality," Sierra-Pacific Synod, Monterey, CA.
Oct. 2008 "Ending Hunger," First Lutheran Church, Maquoketa, IA.
Aug. 2008 "Transforming Leadership," Conference Meeting, Nauvoo, IL.
July 2008 "Wilhelm Loehe und Amerika: Nachwirkungen," 200th Anniversary Celebration, Neuendettelsau, Germany
July 2008 "Wilhelm Löhe und die Iowa Synode: Missionskorrespondenz 1852-1872," International Loehe Society, Neuendettelsau, Germany.
July 2008 "The Ethics of Forgiveness," University of Regensburg, Germany.
June 2008 "Ambassadors for Christ," Southeastern Minnesota Synod, St. Peter, MN.
April 2008 "Ending Hunger," First Lutheran Church, Moline, IL.
March 2008 "Living the Liturgy: Liturgy as Ethical Formation," Liturgical Institute, Valparaiso, IN.
Dec. 2007 "Ending Hunger: A Real Possibility," First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA.
Nov. 2007 "Theology and Practice of Evangelizing," Western Iowa Synod, School of Evangelism,
Nov. 2007 "Evangelizing," Conference Meeting, Green Bay, WI.
Sept. 2007 "Rich Man and Lazarus," First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA.
March 2007 "Beyond Membership to Discipleship," Grace Lutheran Church, Albert Lea, MN.
Feb. 2007 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," South Central Synod of Wisconsin, Ft. Atkinson, WI.
Jan. 2007 "Ending Hunger: Mobilizing the Church," Indiana Ministerium, Fort Wayne, IN
Jan. 2007 "Hunger, Justice and the Church: A Faithful Dialogue," Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MN
Dec. 2006 "Sharing the Good News and Ending Hunger," Quad Cities Forum, Rock Island, IL
Nov. 2006 "Becoming an Evangelizing Church," Storasli Lecture, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada
Nov. 2006 "Bonhoeffer at 100: His Significance for the Church Today," Tri-States Forum, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
Nov. 2006 "The Church and Public Engagement," American Academy of Religion, Washington, DC
Nov. 2006 "*Theology in a Global Context: On the Way to the Future*," American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C.
Nov. 2006 "Thanksgiving for Life," Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship, Dubuque, IA
Oct. 2006 "Ending Hunger," First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
Oct. 2006 "The Great Commission: Is Evangelism Optional?," Western Iowa Synod Lay School of Evangelism, Carroll, IA
Sept. 2006 "Family Systems," Youth Leadership School, Center for Youth Ministries, Dubuque, IA
Sept. 2006 "Transforming Leadership," Missiologists Consultation of ELCA,

- Chicago, IL
- Aug. 2006 "The Rich Man and Lazarus: Ending Hunger," St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA
- June 2006 "Mission and Theological Education—Berlin, Athens, and Tranquebar," The Future of Mission Conference, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- June 2006 "Dietrich Bonhoeffer"/"La Frontera," Camp EWALU, Strawberry Point, IA
- Apr. 2006 "The Significance of Bonhoeffer," Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Dubuque, IA
- March 2006 "The Authority of Scripture," ELCA Conference of Bishops, Lake Geneva, WI
- March 2006 "Homosexuality and the Church," Rural Ministry Conference, Dubuque, IA
- March 2006 "The Evangelizing Church," Congregations Together in Mission, Cedar Rapids, IA
- Jan. 2006 "The Significance of Bonhoeffer for Church and Ministry Today," St. Paul Lutheran Church, Davenport, IA
- Jan. 2006 "What Will the Future Church Look Like?" Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
- Jan. 2006 "The Evangelizing Church: 1854 (Loehe) and 2006," St. Louis Ministerium, St. Louis, MO
- Jan. 2006 "Homosexuality and the Church," Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI
- Jan. 2006 "Deep in Our Hearts: Becoming an Evangelizing Church," North/West Lower Michigan Synod, Saginaw, MI
- Nov. 2005 "Theology of Hospitality"/"Theology of God's Mission," Camp staff event, Dubuque, IA
- Oct. 2005 "Ending Hunger," Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hinsdale, IL
- Oct. 2005 "God's Reign, Worship, and Mission," Bethany Lutheran Church Reformation Event, Denver, CO
- Sept. 2005 "Evangelizing Church," Calvary Lutheran Church, Three Rivers, WI
- Sept. 2005 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," St. Johns Lutheran Church, Madison, WI
- July 2005 "Loehe and His Coworkers in the Iowa Synod," International Loehe Society, Dubuque, IA
- July 2005 "The Culture of God, Worship, and Mission," Pacific Lutheran University Theological Conference, Tacoma, WA
- June 2005 Seven presentations: "Marked with the Cross of Christ Forever," East Central Wisconsin Synod, Green Bay, WI
- June 2005 "Evangelizing and Social Ministry"/"Asset-Based Congregation Development," Northern Illinois Synod, Rock Island, IL
- June 2005 "Strategizing to End Hunger," Southeastern Iowa Synod Council, Iowa City, IA
- May 2005 "Pastoral Ministry, Same Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Western North Dakota Synod, Richardton, ND
- May 2005 "The Theology of Wartburg Seminary," Faculty Lecture Series,

May 2005 Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
 Apr. 2005 "Homosexuality and the Church," Pastors Forum, Ankeny, IA
 Apr. 2005 "Must Homosexuality Divide the Church?" Wartburg College, Waverly, IA
 Apr. 2005 "The Lord's Prayer as God's Mission Agenda," Luther College, Decorah, IA
 Mar. 2005 "Homosexuality and the Church," Congregations Together in Mission Event, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Mar. 2005 "Homosexuality and the Church," Quad Cities Forum, Rock Island, IL
 Feb. 2005 "The Ongoing Significance of Bonhoeffer's Life and Theology," Turkey River Forum, West Union, IA
 Feb. 2005 "Many Members, Yet One Body," St. John's Lutheran Church, Des Moines, IA
 Feb. 2005 "Homosexuality and the Church," First Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Jan. 2005 "Assessing Theological Education through Graduates' Evaluations," Fund for Theological Education Conference, Indianapolis, IN
 Dec. 2004 "Ecumenical Forum: The Church and Homosexuality," Grand Canyon Synod, Phoenix, AZ
 Nov. 2004 "God's Reign, Worship and Evangelism," Faith Lutheran Church, Marion, IA
 Oct. 2004 "Homosexuality and the Church," Luther Memorial Church, Madison, WI
 Oct. 2004 "Missionary God, Missionary Church," Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, Spokane, WA
 Oct. 2004 "Asset-Based Congregational Development," Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod, Ritzville, WA
 Sep. 2004 "Why Christians Should be Concerned about Public Policy," Bread for the World, Dubuque, IA
 June 2004 "The Church Situation in the U.S.A.," Protestant Technical University, Nuremberg, Germany
 June 2004 "Christian Political Responsibility," University of Regensburg, Germany
 June 2004 "Ending Hunger," Bread for the World National Gathering, Washington, D.C.
 June 2004 "Listening to the Congregation in Theological Education," Lilly Conference, Dubuque, IA
 May 2004 "Homosexuality and the Mission of the Church," Our Savior Lutheran Church, Austin, MN
 May 2004 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Northeastern Ohio Synod, Akron, OH
 May 2004 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," Northeastern Ohio Synod, Bowling Green, OH
 Apr. 2004 "Homosexuality and the Mission of the Church," Cedar Rapids Forum, Cedar Rapids, IA
 Mar. 2004 "Listening to God's People: Conversations about Homosexuality and the Church," Florida-Bahamas Synod, Tampa/Delray Beach, FL
 Feb. 2004 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the

- Feb. 2004 Church, "Hill Avenue Grace Lutheran Church, Santa Barbara, CA
"Beyond Maintenance to Mission," Southeastern Iowa Synod, Clinton, IA
- Feb. 2004 "Wartburg History," Wartburg College, Waverly, IA
- Feb. 2004 "Ending Hunger," Bread for the World Event, Dubuque, IA
- Jan. 2004 "The Death of Jesus," Western Iowa Synod Ministerium Meeting, Fort Dodge, IA
- Jan. 2004 "Many Members Yet One Body," Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN
- Jan. 2004 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Stillwater, MN
- Jan. 2004 "Faithful Voices, Faithful Choices," Indiana-Kentucky Synod, Indianapolis, IN
- Jan. 2004 "Homosexuality and the Church," Western Iowa Synod, Fort Dodge, IA
- Nov. 2003 Online discussion: "Give Us This Day: A Lutheran Proposal for Ending World Hunger," Augsburg Fortress sponsored forum
- Oct. 2003 "Missionary God, Missionary Church," Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod, Dallas, TX
- Oct. 2003 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," South-Central Wisconsin Synod, Madison, WI
- Sept. 2003 "Creating Cultures of Discipleship," Greater Milwaukee Synod, Delavan, Wisconsin
- Sept. 2003 "ELCA Strategic Direction One: A Commentary," ELCA Consultation on Missiology, Chicago, IL
- Aug. 2003 "Surviving Congregational Leadership: Theology of Family Systems Theory," East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Minoqua, WI
- July 2003 "The Missionary Theology of Wartburg Theological Seminary," Summer Reunion, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
- July 2003 Masters' course: "Ethics in Lutheran Perspective," Martin Luther Seminary, Lae, Papua New Guinea
- June 2003 "Congregational Mission and Building for the Future," Grace Lutheran Church, Adel, IA
- May 2003 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Minneapolis Area Synod, Minneapolis, MN
- May 2003 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Northeastern Iowa Synod, Waverly, IA
- April 2003 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," Southwest California Synod, Pasadena, CA
- Feb. 2003 "The Meaning of Jesus' Cross," Northeastern Iowa Synod, Strawberry Point, IA
- Jan. 2003 "Lutheran Hermeneutics for the Homosexuality Study," Northeastern Minnesota Synod, Duluth, MN
- Jan. 2003 "Committed Same-Gender Relationships and the Mission of the Church," St. Paul Area Synod, St. Paul, MN
- Nov. 2002 Anniversary celebration speaker, American Lutheran Church, Gothenburg, NE

Nov. 2002 "Listening to God's People: Conversations about Homosexuality," Southeastern Minnesota Synod, Owatonna, MN

Oct. 2002 "Hermeneutics in Conflict," Pacifica Synod, Palm Desert, CA

Sept. 2002 "Theology of the Congregation," All Saints Lutheran Church, Carbondale, IL

April 2002 "Missionary Theology and Wartburg Theological Seminary," Faculty Public Lecture, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

March 2002 "Dietrich Bonhoeffer," Radio Interview with Charles Buscaro, Cleveland, OH

Jan. 2002 "The ELCA and Human Sexuality," St. Peter Lutheran Church, Dubuque, IA

Nov. 2001 "Bonhoeffer's 1933 Christology Lectures: Past Impact and Present Relevance," American Academy of Religion, Denver, CO

Nov. 2001 "The Body of Christ in Mission," Theological Forum, Cedar Falls, IA

Oct. 2001 "Scapegoating Ends at the Cross," Ministry at a Time of National Tragedy, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

Oct. 2001 "In Christ There is No Race," Diversity Week Sermon, Luther College, Decorah, IA

July 2001 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," Northwestern Ohio Synod, Bluffton, OH

June 2001 "Beyond Membership to Discipleship," Central States Synod, Kansas City, MO

April 2001 "God's Mission in the Congregation," Mission Festival, Trinity Lutheran Church, Arsdale, WI

April 2001 "Ten Things I Wish I Would Have Known About Congregational Ministry" and "The Future Church," Tri-Synod Candidacy Retreat, Northwest Wisconsin

Jan. 2001 "Ecclesiology: We Are the Body of Christ," Turkey River Theological Forum, West Union, IA

Nov. 2000 "Beyond Maintenance to Mission," St. John's Lutheran Church, Northfield, MN

Sept. 2000 "Living by Hope, Dreaming God's Dream" and "Surviving Congregational Leadership," Western Iowa Synod Theological Convocation, Fort Dodge, IA

May 2000 "Family Systems" and "The Justification of Non-Anxious Presence," Theological Forum, Cedar Rapids, IA

Feb. 2000 Two presentations: "Call to Discipleship," ELCA Event, Combined Locks, WI

Dec. 1999 "Interpreting Biblical Texts of Terror," Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Dubuque, IA

Oct. 1999 "Christian Imagination and Congregational Evangelism," Inaugural of Professor Connie Kleingartner, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, IL

Sept. 1999 Workshop: "Worship and Evangelism," "Stewardship," and "Preaching," GIFTS Program, Minot, ND

June 1999 "Theology of the Congregation," Luther Academy of the Rockies, Allenspark, CO

- June 1999 "After the Deconstruction of Christendom: Toward a Theological Paradigm for a Global Era," Colloquium for Prof. Hans Schwarz, Regensburg/Neuendettelsau, Germany
- May 1999 "Worship, Evangelism, Ecumenism, Stewardship," Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Neenah, WI
- May 1999 Two lectures: "Worship and Evangelism," Theological Forum, Cedar Rapids, IA
- April 1999 "The Necessity and Limit of a Contextual Theology," Inaugural Lecture as Tenured Professor, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA
- Feb. 1999 Workshop: "Theology of the Congregation," Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Madison, WI
- Jan. 1999 "Luke and Liberation Theology" and "Violence and Atonement," Kingston, Jamaica
- Oct. 1998 "Leadership and Life Together: Where Bible, Theology, and Systems Meet." Bishop's Theological Convocation, Central States Synod, Osage Beach, MO
- Sept. 1998 "The Mystery of Church." St. John's Anniversary Celebration, Mendota, IL
- Fall 1998 "Toward a Theology of Family Systems," Internship Clusters in WI/IL, IA, NE, TX
- July 1998 "Theological Leadership in the Congregation: Worship, Evangelism, and Congregational Systems." Continuing Education Event, Dubuque, IA
- July 1998 Two weeklong courses: "You Are the Body of Christ: Catholic Ecclesiology for a Protestant Church in Mission" and "Anti-Church at the Close of the Millennium." Texas Summer Theological Institute, Sequin, TX
- June 1998 "Bible Survey" and "Theology of Culture." Center for Youth Ministries, Dubuque, IA
- April 1998 "Sociobiology and Theological Anthropology." American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, St. Paul, MN
- April 1998 Panelist: "Biblical Apocalyptic and Apocalyptic Religion." American Academy of Religion Regional Meeting, St. Paul, MN
- March 1998 "Violence and Atonement." Trinity Lutheran Church, Laramie, WY.
- Dec. 1997 "Professional Ethics." Quad Cities Area School Social Workers Conference, Bettendorf, IA
- Oct. 1997 "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread." ELCA Conference of Bishops, Chicago, IL
- Fall 1997 "Internship: A Rite of Passage?" Internship Clusters in IL/WI, IA, TX, NE/KS
- April 1997 Panelist: "The Response of the Christian Community to the United States Holocaust Museum." University of Dubuque, Dubuque, IA
- April 1997 "Professional Ethics." Iowa Schools Social Work Association, Dubuque, IA
- April 1997 "How Apocalypticism Constrains God's Future: Toward an Evolutionary Eschatology." American Academy of Religion regional meeting, St. Paul, MN

March 1997 "Worship." "Evangelism." "Stewardship." Lay Academy, Fort Smith, AR
Dec. 1996 Commencement address, Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA

Oct. 1996 "Religious Rationale and the Racist Right." Wartburg Seminary Faculty Lecture, Dubuque, IA

Fall 1996 "Confidentiality: Sacred Trust and Ethical Responsibility." Internship Clusters (IL/WI, IA, NE/KS, TX)

July 1996 "Clergy Sexual Misconduct." Lions Club, Dubuque, IA

Feb. 1996 "Giving Darwin His Due: Evolutionary Biology and the Meaning of the Fall." Pastors' Cluster, Platteville, IA

Jan-Feb 96 "Theology of the Congregation." Lay School of Theology, Dubuque, IA

Jan. 1996 "Religious Rationale and the Racist Right." Pastors' Conference, Gillespie, IL

Nov. 1995 "The Death of Jesus." Hope Lutheran Pastors' Conference, Olin, IA

Oct. 1995 "The Gospel of the Kingdom, Worship, and Evangelism: A Theology of the Congregation." Northeast Iowa Synod of the ELCA, Sinsinawa, WI

Nov. 1994 "A Theology of the Congregation." Clergy Continuing Education Event, Cedar Rapids, IA

April 1994 "Stilling the Violence Within and Without: Girard, Animal Aggression, and Atonement." Society of Biblical Literature, Central States Region, St. Louis, MO

Oct. 1993 "Critical Thinking at the Interface of Science and Religion: Teaching and Learning in an Honors Seminar." National Collegiate Honors Council, St. Louis, MO (with Allen C. Gathman)

Aug. 1993 "Confessing the Gospel of Jesus Faithfully: The Contest over Christology." Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai, India

Aug. 1993 "Dynamics of Polarization: North American Critics versus Liberation Theology." Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai, India

June 1993 "The Fall from Dreaming Innocence: What Tillich Said Philosophically in Light of Evolutionary Science." International Paul Tillich Conference, New Harmony, IN

May 1993 "When Faith Turns Fatal: David Koresh and Tragic Misreadings of Revelation." Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO

March 1993 "Giving Darwin His Due: Evolutionary Biology and the Meaning of the Fall." Society of Biblical Literature, Central States Region, Kansas City, MO

April 1992 "Allergic to the Spirit No More: Re-thinking Pneumatology." American Academy of Religion, Central States Region, Springfield, MO

April 1991 "Justification in its Reformation Context." American Academy of Religion, Central States Region, St. Louis, MO

Nov. 1990 "Discovering the Religious Dimension in the Curriculum: Initiating Interdisciplinary Dialogue." American Academy of Religion, New Orleans, LA

Oct. 1990 "A Response to the St. Olaf Theological Conference." Lutheran Professional Church Workers, St. Louis, MO

April 1990 "Dynamics of Polarization: North American Critics versus Liberation

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| | Theology." American Academy of Religion, Central States Region, Columbia, MO |
| April 1989 | "How Social is the Gospel?" American Academy of Religion, Central States Region, Kansas City, MO |
| Nov. 1988 | "Creation of Community." Lutheran Professional Church Workers, St. Louis, MO |
| Aug. 1988 | "Basic Christian Communities." Crossings Meeting, St. Louis, MO |
| April 1988 | "Liberation Theology's Critique of Luther's Two Kingdoms Doctrine." American Academy of Religion, Central States Region, Springfield, MO |
| July 1986 | "Antworten der Nordamerikanische Theologie auf die Lateinamerikanische Befreiungstheologie," Oekumenische Studientagung der Missionwissenschaftlichen Institute in Bayern, Muensterschwarzach, West Germany |

Oral History

| Year | Activity |
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| 2009 | Interview with Paul Werger, Voices of Vision: The ELCA at 25, March 31 |

Globalization Activities

| Year | Activity |
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| 2016 | Germany |
| 2014 | Germany |
| 2012 | Germany |
| 2010 | Germany |
| 2009 | Tanzania |
| 2008 | Germany |
| 2007 | Mexico |
| 2004 | Germany |
| 2003 | Papua New Guinea |
| 2003 | Mexico |
| 1999/2000 | Germany, Jamaica |
| 1998 | Mexico |
| 1996 | England |
| 1995 | Central Europe |
| 1995 | Nicaragua |
| 1993 | India |
| 1991 | Mexico |
| 1982-86 | Germany (Austria, France, Italy, Norway) |

Professional Quotes

"In order to serve the mission of the church, we need to learn to think theologically about our own context and contextually about our theology."

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