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CURRENT POSITION:

- July 1, 2017-present Associate Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life/College Chaplain
 Gettysburg College
 Gettysburg, PA
- July 1, 2017-present Co-dean and Professor of Systematic Theology
 United Lutheran Seminary,
 Gettysburg & Philadelphia, PA
- January 1, 2016-July 1, 2017: Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology,
 Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg,
 Gettysburg, PA
- June 1, 2014-January 1, 2016: Interim Dean,
 Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg,
 Gettysburg, PA
- July 1, 2006 – Present: Assistant/Associate Professor of Systematic Theology,
 Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg,
 Gettysburg, PA

PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

- Aug, 2005 – May 2006: Lilly Endowment Teaching Fellow,
 Claflin University, Orangeburg, SC
- Aug, 2002 – June 2005: Pastor, King of Glory Lutheran Church,
 Arvada, CO

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Graduate Theological Union, May, 2002
 Dissertation Topic: "Salvation After Nāgārjuna: A Re-evaluation of
 Wolfhart Pannenberg's Soteriology in light of a Buddhist Cosmology"
- M.Div. Wartburg Theological Seminary: May, 1997
 Thesis: A comparison of the concept of "word" in Christian and
 Advaitic theology, with distinction
 Augustana Hochschule, Neuendettelsau, Germany:
 Special Student, 1994-1995
- B.A. The Colorado College: May, 1990
 English major, with Honors

AREAS OF INTEREST

Comparative Theology, Constructive Systematic Theology including in particular Feminist Theologies & Liberation Theologies, Buddhism, Hinduism, World Religions, Animal Theology, Literature & Theology

LANGUAGES

German, French, Latin, Sanskrit

PUBLICATIONS

- “Luther’s Theology and Interreligious Dialogue in the 21st Century,” *Touchstone* 35:2 (June 2017), 20-29.
- “The Four Words of Inspector Gamache,” *Dialog* 45:1 (Summer 2017).
- “Martin Luther, Jizō and Miscarriage,” *Seminary Ridge Review*, Spring 2017
- Finding God Among Our Neighbors*, vol. 2. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, February, 2017.
- Part I, Christianity, in *World Religions in Dialogue*, 2nd edition, February, 2017.
- “Neighbors, Neighbor-Love, and our Animal Neighbors,” *Word & World* vol. 37 (1), Winter 2017, 37-45.
- “The Holy Spirit, Spirits and Spirituality: Spirit-filled Guidelines for Transformative, Loving Dialogue,” in *Interactive Pluralism in Asia: Religious Life and Public Space*, edited by Simone Sinn and Ton Wing-Sze, (Geneva: The Lutheran World Federation, 2016), 73-85.
- Sundays and Seasons: Preaching, Year A*, Lectionary 17-23, 2017. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress, 2016.
- “Dialog in Diversity,” in *Currents in Theology and Mission*, vol. 43 (1), 2016.
- “Prolepsis and the Abolition of Hell,” in *Anticipating God’s New Creation: Essays in Honor of Ted Peters*, ed. by Carol R. Jacobson and Adam W. Pryor. Minneapolis, MN: Lutheran University Press, 2015. pp. 111-128.
- “Whose Buddhism? Whose Identity? Presenting and/or Misrepresenting Shin Buddhism for a Christian Audience,” *Buddhist Christian Studies*, vol. 35 (2015), pp. 29-35.
- Theological Perspective essays for John, chapter 20, in *Feasting on the Gospels—John, vol. 2*. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015.
- “Theological Themes,” *Lectionary Homiletics*, December 2014/January 2015.
- “Religious Identity in the 21st Century: Virtual Communities, Double-Belonging, and the Place of the Individual,” in *Ecumenical Trends* Vol. 44 (no. 1), January 2015, 1-7.
- Interreligious Learning and Teaching: A Christian Rationale for a Transformative Praxis*, with Mary E. Hess and Christy Lohr Sapp. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2014.
- “Jesus’ Prophethood and Islam: Insights from the *Risale-i Nur*,” *Dialog* 53:3 (Fall 2014), 203-213.
- “Theological Themes,” *Lectionary Homiletics*, February/March, 2014.
- “A Walk on the Dark Side: A Christian Reflection on Kāli,” *Currents*, February 2014.
- Introduction to World Religions*, 2nd edition, Inklings ebook, general editor. February, 2014.
- “Appreciation and Appropriation: Christian “Borrowing” of Buddhist Practices,” *Pacific World*, Third Series, No. 15 (Fall 2013), 105-116.
- “Freedom *From* and Freedom *For*: Luther’s Concept of Freedom for the 21st Century,” *Dialog* 52:3 (Fall 2013), 232-343.
- Finding God Among Our Neighbors: An Interfaith Systematic Theology*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2013.
- “I Love to Tell the Story: Reshaping the Narrative of Adoption,” *Dialog*: 51:4 (Winter, 2012), 284-293.
- “Theological Themes,” *Lectionary Homiletics*, November, 2012.
- Baby Krishna, Infant Christ: A Comparative Theology of Salvation*. Maryknoll, NY:

- Orbis Books, 2011.
- "The Role of Fear in our Love of God: A Lutheran Perspective," *Dialog* 50:1 (Spring, 2011).
- "Response to 'The Ethical Horizon': Fidelity, Hospitality, and Justice," *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, 45:3, Summer 2010.
- "Buddhist-Christian Dialogue," entry for Oxford Bibliographies Online [Buddhism], fall 2010.
- "Theological Themes," *Lectionary Homiletics*, April, 2010.
- "What God has Created will not be Lost: Constructing a more Inclusive Soteriology," in *Transformative Theological Practices*, edited by Karen Bloomquist. Minneapolis, MN: Lutheran University Press, 2010.
- "Nāgārjuna's World View: Relevance for Today," *Pacific World*, No. 11, (Fall 2009).
- Theological Perspective for Isaiah 43:16-21 [Lent 5], & Isaiah 50:4-9a [Liturgy of the Passion], in *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, Vol. 2*, David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor, general editors. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009.
- "A Christian Rationale for Vegetarianism," *Dialog* 48:2 (Summer 2009), 147-157.
- "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" —Ramifications of a Relational Anthropology," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, May 2009.
- What Christians can learn from Buddhism: Rethinking Salvation*, Fortress Press, April, 2009.
- "Theological Themes," *Lectionary Homiletics*, January, 2009.
- "Jonah," in *The Lutheran Study Bible*, Fortress Press, Spring, 2009.
- "Rethinking Salvation: Christian Soteriology in light of Interfaith Dialogue," in *Deepening Faith, Hope, and Love in Relations with Neighbors of Other Faiths*, Lutheran World Federation, Feb. 2008.
- "Biblical Authority in Light of Religious Pluralism," *Seminary Ridge Review*, 10:1 (Fall 2007), 60-76.
- "On Pluralism, Comparative Theology & Tariq Ramadan: A Response to Ted Peters," *Dialog* 46:3 (Winter 2007).
- "Theological Themes," *Lectionary Homiletics*, Oct./Nov. 2007.
- "Liberation, Salvation, Enlightenment," *Dialog*, 45:3 (Fall 2006): 263-274.
- "The 'How' of Buddhist-Christian Dialogue: an Inquiry into Methodology," in *The Transforming Spiritual Landscape: Buddhist-Christian Encounters*, edited by Ronald Y. Nakasone. Fremont, CA: Dharma Cloud Publishers, 2005.
- "Christian Theology as depicted in *The Lord of the Rings* and the Harry Potter Narratives," *Journal of Religion & Society*, Volume 7 (2005).
- "Interreligious Dialogue & the Christian Claim," *Dialog* 43:2 (Spring 2004): 133-138. *Wittgenstein and Religion*, edited with David Stagaman and James Kraft. Manila: Ateneo de Manila University, 2001.
- "Pied Beauty: A Celebration of Uniqueness," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 27:4 (August, 2000): 267-270.
- "Discerning God's Call," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 27:1 (Feb. 2000): 42-44.
- "Over All Creation," *Currents in Theology and Mission*, vol. 25, April, 1998, 137-141.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- Review of *Tastes of the Divine: Hindu and Christian Theologies of Emotion*, by Michelle Voss Roberts. *Interpretation*, Vol 71 (1) 2017.
- Review of *Incarnation: on the Scope and Depth of Christology*, edited by Niels Henrik Gregersen, *Dialog*, 56:2 (Summer 2017), 201-203.
- Review of *World Religions and Contemporary Issues*, by Brennan Hill, *Currents*, Vol. 44:2 (2017).
- Review of *Our Bodies Are Selves*, by Philip Hefner, Ann Milliken Pederson, and Susan Barreto, *Currents*, Vol. 44:2 (2017).
- Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion*, edited by Lewis R. Rambo and Charles E. Farhadian, *Seminary Ridge Review*, 19:1, (August 2016).
- Review of *A Witness: The Haiti Earthquake, a Song, Death, and Resurrection*, by Renee Splichal Larson, edited by Jennifer Agee, *Currents* 43 (No. 4), 2016.
- Review of *Ask the Beasts*, by Elizabeth Johnson, *Dialog* 55:2 (Summer 2016).
- Review of *The Entangled Trinity: Quantum Physics and Theology*, by Ernest L. Simmons, *Currents in Theology and Mission* April 2015 (42:2), 145-146.
- Review of *A History of Christian Theology*, by William C. Placher and Derek R. Nelson. *Dialog*, 53:4 (Winter, 2014), 283-284.
- Review of *Zen and the Spiritual Exercises*, by Ruben Habito, and *The Ox-herder and the Good Shepherd*, By Addison Hodges Hart, *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, vol. 49 (3) Summer 2014, 515-516.
- Review of *Theologians in their own Words*, ed. by Derek Nelson et. al. *Currents in Theology and Mission*, Vol. 41 (2) April 2014, 130-131.
- Review of *Buddhism: A Christian Exploration and Appraisal*, by Keith Yandell and Harold Netland, *Pacific World*, Third Series, No. 15 (Fall 2013), 187-192.
- Review of *Lutheran Theology*, by Steven D. Paulson. *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*: Vol. 67 (1) January 2013, 95-96.
- Review of *Buddhist Attitudes to Other Religions*, edited by Perry Schmidt-Leukel. *Buddhist-Christian Studies*, vol. 33 (2013), 220-222.
- Review of *Shalom Church*, by Craig Nessian. *Dialog*, vol. 52:1 (Spring 2012).
- Review of *The Fundamentalist's Daughter*, by Margaret Miles, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, vol. 39 (5) October 2012, 399-400.
- Review of *Redeeming the Gospel: The Christian Faith Reconsidered*, by David Brondos. *Interpretation*: Vol. 66 (3) July 2012.
- Review of *Sun of Righteousness, Arise! God's Future for Humanity and the Earth*, by Jürgen Moltmann, translated by Margaret Kohl. *Currents in Theology and Mission*, June 2012 (39:3), 240-241.
- Review of *Eating and Believing: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Vegetarianism and Theology*, edited by Rachel Muers and David Grumett, *Dialog*, vol. 51:1 (Spring 2012), 102-103.
- Review of *The God Who Is: The Christian God in a Pluralistic World*, by Hans Schwarz. *Interpretation*: Volume 66, Number 2, April 2012.
- Review of *Merton and Buddhism: Wisdom, Emptiness, and Everyday Mind*, ed. by Bonnie Bowman Thurston, *Buddhist-Christian Studies*, vol. 30, 2010, 218-221.
- Review of *Feminist Theologies: legacy and prospect*, edited by Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, February 2009 (36:1), 56-57.
- Review of *Martin Luther and Buddhism*, by Paul S. Chung, *Dialog*, 48:2 (Summer 2009).
- Review of *A Native American Theology*, by Clara Sue Kidwell, Homer Noley, George E. "Tink" Tinker, *Dialog*, vol. 48:1 (Spring 2009), 107-108.
- Review of *Understanding Islam: an introduction*, by C.T.R. Hewer, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, April 2008 (35:2), 141-142.
- Review of *The Difficult But Indispensable Church: Rethinking Church for Today*,

- edited by Norma Cook Everist, *Dialog*, 45:3 (Fall 2006): 311-312.
- Review of *Gender, Ethnicity, and Religion: Views from the Underside*, edited by Rosemary Radford Ruether, *Dialog*, 45:1 (Spring 2006): 111-113.
- Review of *Mary Mother of God*, edited by Carl E. Braaten & Robert W. Jenson, *Dialog* 44:3 (Fall 2005): 312-313.
- Review of *A World According to God*, by Martha Ellen Stortz, *Dialog* 44:2 (Summer 2005): 194-196.
- Review of *Super, Natural Christians*, by Sallie McFague, *Dialog* 42:1 (Spring 2003): 96-98.
- Review of *Longing for Running Water*, Ivone Gebara, *Dialog* 40:3 (Fall 2001): 242-4
- Review of *The Sound of Liberating Truth: Buddhist Christian Dialogues in Honor of Frederick J. Streng*, edited by Sallie B. King and Paul O. Ingram. *Pacific World* Third Series, no. 2 (Fall 2000): 250-252.
- Review of *Elaborations on Emptiness: Uses of the Heart Sutra*, Donald S. Lopez, Jr. *Pacific World*, Third Series, no. 1 (Fall 1999): 121-124.
- Review of *Systematic Theology*, vol. 3, Wolfhart Pannenberg. *The Sewanee Theological Review*, vol. 42:3 (Pentecost, 1999): 373-376.

PRESENTATIONS:

- “An Interreligious Examination of Prayer: An Exercise in ‘Holy Envy,’” Luther Academy of the Rockies, June 2017.
- “Martin Luther, Jizō and Miscarriage,” MF, Oslo, Norway, September 2016
- “Faith Among Faiths: Faithful Christian Living in Interreligious Contexts,” Great Lakes Theological Academy, Traverse City, MI, July 2016
- Panel Response, “What’s Wrong with Us and the World,” Society for Buddhist Christian Studies, AAR, November, 2015.
- “Rethinking Salvation: Images and Metaphors of Salvation for a Pluralistic World,” Parliament of the World’s Religions, Salt Lake City, October, 2015
- “The Holy Spirit, Spirits and Spirituality,” Religious Life and Public Space in Asia, Lutheran World Federation Consultation, Hong Kong, September 4th, 2015
- “Gendered Bodies, Subjectivity, and the Pure Land,” IASBS Conference, Berkeley, CA, August 8th, 2015
- “Home, to the Glory of God,” Keynote speaker for Lutheran Day at the Capitol, Harrisburg, PA, April 27th, 2015.
- “Religious Identity in the 21st Century: Virtual Communities, Double-Belonging, and the Place of the Individual,” Paul Wattson Lecture, Atlantic School of Theology and St. Mary’s University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Nov. 3rd, 2014.
- “God in the Lotus Sutra: A Question of Function,” International Association of Buddhist Studies, Vienna, August 20, 2014.
- “How does a Robust Lutheran Theological Identity Relate to Other World Religions?,” Convocation of Teaching Theologians, St. Paul, MN, August 4, 2014
- “Beyond Tolerance [through Dialogue] to Transformation,” Lutheran College Presidents Meeting, Santa Barbara, CA, Feb. 10th, 2014
- “Finding God Among Our Neighbors: Christian Foundations for Interreligious Engagement,” The 12th Annual Pierre Lecture, Incarnate Word University, February 4th, 2014
- “Whose Buddhism? Whose Identity? Presenting [and/or Misrepresenting] Shin Buddhism for a Christian Audience,” panel on “Multiple Religious Belonging and Buddhist Identity,” American Academy of Religion, November, 2013.
- “A Walk on the Dark Side: A Reflection on Kālī for the Sake of Christian God-Talk,” panel for

- Lutheran Women in Theology and Religious Studies, pre-gathering, American Academy of Religion, November, 2013.
- “Recapturing Jesus’ Prophetic Identity through Nursi: Hope for the Future,” 10th International Bediüzzaman Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, September 23rd, 2013.
- “Appreciation and Appropriation: Christian ‘Borrowing,’” for The Pure Land in Buddhist Cultures Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, May 31st, 2013.
- “Finding God Among Our Neighbors: Christian Theology and Interreligious Dialogue,” Virginia Tech University, April 29th, 2013.
- “Freedom From and Freedom For,” Spring Academy Presentation, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, April 16th, 2013.
- “The Why and How of Interreligious Dialogue,” Presentations for the Regions 7 & 8 ELCA Ministers of Word and Service, October 19 & 20, 2010, Fairfield, PA.
- “The Ethical Horizon: Fidelity, Hospitality & Justice,” for the North American Academy of Ecumenists Meeting, September 26th-27th 2009, Washington DC.
- “What God has Created will not be Lost: Constructing a more Inclusive Soteriology,” Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches: Transformative Perspectives and Practices Today, Lutheran World Federation Conference, Augsburg, Germany, March 2009.
- “Was Thomas Merton’s Soteriology Influenced by His Experience with Buddhism,” AAR presentation for the Society for Buddhist Christian Studies, Nov., 2008.
- “A Lutheran Understanding of Vocation,” Project Connect Annual Gathering of Pre-Seminary Groups, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, Feb. 9, 2008
- Response, Luther Colloquy on Luther & Calvin on the Eucharist, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, October 31, 2007
- SELECT Video Presentation: “Revelation and the History of Religions,” as part of the SELECT DVD course on “Systematic Theology: Fundamentals of Christian Theology,” 2007.
- “Biblical Authority in light of Religious Pluralism,” Spring Convocation, Gettysburg Seminary, April 2007
- “Christian Theology as illustrated in *The Lord of the Rings* & Harry Potter,” Great Plains Regional AAR Meeting, Provo, Utah, March 26th-27th, 2004.
- Public Lecture Series, “Christians, Buddhists, and Hindus: How what they believe is important to us,” Immanuel Lutheran Church, Modesto, California, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, 2002.
- “Methodology in Buddhist-Christian Dialogue,” Buddhist-Christian Dialogue Conference, April, 2001, Berkeley, California.
- “Experiencing God in the Voice of the Poet,” Western Regional AAR Meeting, March, 2001.
- “Transformation Through Appropriation: Christian Reflections on Nāgārjuna,” Faith Intersect Panel, Nikkei 2000 Conference, San Francisco, CA, April, 2000.
- “Pied Beauty: A Celebration of Uniqueness,” American Academy of Religion, Lutheran Women in Theology and Religious Studies, American Academy of Religion, November, 1998.

AWARDS:

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| April 2015 | Patricia Codron Memorial Book Award, Pacific Coast Theological Society |
| April, 2012 | Best of the Christian Press Awards, 2012: Honorable Mention, |

November, 2012
2011-2012

Theological or Scholarly Article, *The Lutheran Magazine* for
“Deeper Understandings: What is Sin,” written with Ted Peters
Graduate Theological Union Alumna of the Year
ATS Lilly Faculty Fellowship recipient

OTHER ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIPS:

Fall 2015-current	Vice President, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
2012-2015	Co-Chair, Comparative Theology Group, AAR
2011-2015	Steering Committee, Comparative Theology Group, AAR
July, 2011	Recipient, ATS Lilly Faculty Fellowship
June 2008-June 2009	Member, Wabash Pre-Tenure Theological School Faculty Workshop Group
Jan. 2008 - present	Editor-in-Chief, <i>Dialog</i>
Jan. 2008 - present	Member, Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
January 2008-present	Board Member, <i>Journal of Interreligious Dialogue</i>
Fall 2006- present	Member, Comparative Theology Group, AAR
Fall 2006 - present	Rostered, Metro DC Synod
2004 - present	<i>Dialog</i> Editorial Council
1997 - present	Member, American Academy of Religion