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**TEACHING MINISTRY**

1997 - Present	Professor of Systematic Theology Director, Center for Missional Leadership Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN Division Chair (2001-2005)
1990 – 1996	Associate Professor of Systematic Theology Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN
1994- Present	Theology Faculty Northwest Wisconsin Synod, ELCA Chippewa Falls, WI
1987-1990	Adjunct Faculty Warner Pacific College Portland, OR
	Instructor Lutheran Institute for Theological Education Tacoma, WA
	Teaching Assistant Department of Systematic Theology Christ Seminary - Seminex St. Louis, MO
	Guest Lectures: Western Evangelical Seminary Holden Village St. Louis University Eden Theological Seminary

## **PASTORAL MINISTRY**

1983 - 1990                      Pastor  
The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection  
Portland, OR

1981 - 1983                      Minister of Education and Youth  
St. Charles Christian Church  
St. Charles, MO

1976 - 1983                      Pastor  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Alameda, CA

1976 - 1978                      Chaplain  
Highland-Alameda County Hospital  
Oakland, CA

## **EDUCATION**

Th.D. (with distinction) 1983    Christ Seminary - Seminex, St. Louis, MO.  
M.Div. 1976                      Christ Seminary - Seminex, St. Louis, MO.  
B.A. 1972                        Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, IN.  
A.A. 1970                        Concordia Junior College, Ann Arbor, MI.

## **PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND PUBLISHING**

*dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Managing Editor (1995-2000); Editorial Board (1995-Present).

*Word & World: Theology for Christian Ministry*, Editorial Board and Editorial Board Chair (1995-1997).

*Religious Studies Review*, Subnetwork Editor for Theology and Philosophy of Religion—Critical Theory, Pragmatism (1996-1998).

*Distinguished Dissertation Series*, Wipf and Stock, Cascade Books, Editorial Board.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS**

American Academy of Religion

Society of Christian Ethics

American Society of Missiology

God-in-Global-Civil-Society Project, Director

Gospel in Our Culture Network, Culture and Society Work Group

Allelon Missional Schools Project

Allelon Mission in Western Cultures Research Group

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Institute (2004), War and Morality, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD.

Parkrose Religious Leadership Award (1987), Portland, OR.

Theodore Graebner Graduate Fellowship (1980-1983), Christ Seminary-Seminex, St. Louis, MO.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Forthcoming                      Ed., *The Missional Church and Global Civil Society*.  
Eerdmans Publishing.
- Forthcoming                      “Publicity, Just Peacemaking, and a Lutheran Future for the  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” *Journal of  
Lutheran Ethics*.
- Forthcoming                      “God in Global Civil Society: Vocational Imagination,  
Spiritual Presence, and Ecclesial Discernment.” In *The  
Missional Church and Global Civil Society*, ed., Gary M.  
Simpson. Eerdmans Publishing.
- Forthcoming                      “God, Civil Society, and Congregations as Public Moral  
Companions.” In *Discerning the Spirit*, eds., Patrick Keifert and  
Patricia Taylor Ellison. Eerdmans Publishing.
- Forthcoming                      “Law and Gospel,” “Lutheran Ethics,” “Just-War Theory,” and  
“Fruit of the Spirit.” In *Dictionary of Scripture and Ethics*, ed.  
Joel Green, *et al.* Baker Academic.
- Forthcoming                      “Christology and Ethics in Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin  
Luther King, Jr.” In *Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther  
King: Receiving Their Legacies for Christian Social Thought*,  
eds., Willis Jenkins & Jennifer McBride. Fortress Press.
- 2008                                  “Being Neighbor in the Coming Pandemic Crisis: Thinking  
with Luther in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” *Caring Connections: An  
Inter-Lutheran Journal for Practitioners and Teachers of  
Pastoral Care and Counseling* 4.4.
- 2007                                  *War, Peace, and God: Rethinking the Just War Tradition*.  
Minneapolis: Augsburg/Fortress Press, Lutheran Voices.

- 2007 “‘Changing the Face of the Enemy’: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Beloved Community.” *Word & World*.28 (Winter).
- 2007 “Ecclesial Communion, God’s Publicity and Global Citizenship.” In *Being the Church in the Midst of Empire: Trinitarian Reflections. Theology in the Life of the Church*, Volume 1. Edited by Karen L. Bloomquist. Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press.
- 2007 “A Reformation Is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Promising Theology for an Emerging Missional Church.” In *The Missional Church in Context: Helping Congregations Develop Contextual Ministry*. Edited by Craig Van Gelder. Eerdmans Publishing.
- 2007 “‘Africa is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof;’ Praise Be the Lord.” In “*So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts its mouth’: Poverty and the Mission of the Church in Africa*. Eds. Karen L. Bloomquist and Musa Panti Filibus. Geneva: The Lutheran World Federation.
- 2006 *Leadership in Public Life*. Volume editor, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 45.4 (Winter).
- 2006 “A Lutheran Social Policy Convoy.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 6.11 (November).  
(<http://www.elca.org/jle/article.asp?k=665>).
- 2006 “‘God is a God who bears’: Bonhoeffer for a Flat World.” *Word & World* 26 (Fall):419-428.
- 2006 “Serving the Promise of Confidentiality: Reformation Theology for a Professional Ethic of Soul Care,” *Caring Connections: An Inter-Lutheran Journal for Practitioners and Teachers of Pastoral Care and Counseling* 3.2 (Summer): 10-12.
- 2006 *Living Out Our Callings in the Community*, with Diane Kaufmann and Raymond J. Bakke. St. Paul: Centered Life Series.
- 2005 “Our Pacific Mandate: Orienting Just Peacemaking as Lutherans.” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 5.6 (June).  
(<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle/search.asp>).
- 2005 “Hope in the Face of the *National Security Strategy*: Three Readings and Patriotic Publicity,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 5.5 (May).  
(<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle/search.asp>).

- 2005 “Hope in the Face of Empire: Failed Patriotism, Civic International Publicity, and Patriotic Peacebuilding,” *Word & World* 25.2 (Spring 2005):127-138.
- 2005 “‘God Is a God Who Bears’: Intensifying Schroeder’s Critique of Barth by Way of Bonhoeffer’s Confession of Christ,” in *Gospel Blazes in the Dark: A Festival of Writing Sparked in Honor of Edward H. Schroeder*. Edited by Steven C. Kuhl, *et al.* St. Louis: Crossings.
- 2004 “Forgotten Issue and Major Candidate Concern: The United Nations and ‘Publicity.’” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 4.10 (October). (<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle/search.asp>).
- 2004 “‘Thou Shalt Not Kill’—The First Commandment of the Just War Tradition.” In *The Ten Commandments: The Reciprocity of Faithfulness*. Edited by William Brown. Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.
- 2004 “God against Empire: Implicit Imperialism, Deliberative Democracy and Global Civil Society,” *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology* (Spring 2004)
- 2003 “‘By the dawn’s early light’: The Flag, the Interrogative, and the Whence and Whither of Normative Patriotism,” *Word & World* 23 (Summer 2003):272-283.
- 2003 “Toward a Lutheran ‘Delight in the Law of the Lord’: Church and State within the Context of Civil Society.” In *Church and State: Lutheran Perspectives*, pp. 20-50. Edited by John Stumme and Robert Tuttle. Fortress Press.
- 2003 “Congregational Strategies for Invigorating Lutheranism’s Just PeaceMaking Tradition,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 3.7 (July). (<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle/search.asp>).
- 2002 “Christians and the Pledge of Allegiance: Accruing ‘Among the Nations,’” *Word & World* 22 (Fall 2002):435, 437.
- 2002 “Puckering Up for Postmodern Kissing: Civil Society and the Lutheran Entwinement of Just War and Just PeaceMaking,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (November). (<http://www.elca.org/scriptlib/dcs/jle/search.asp>).
- 2002 *Critical Social Theory: Prophetic Reasoning, Civil Society and Christian Imagination*. Fortress Press.
- 1998 “No Trinity, No Mission: The Apostolic Difference of Retrieving the Trinity.” *Word & World* (Summer).

- 1996 "Theological Themes in the Texts for Pentecost XIX, XX, XXI, XXII," *Lectionary Homiletics* Vol. VII.9.
- 1996 "Human Nature and Communicative Ethics." In *Investigating the Biological Foundations of Human Morality*, pp.195-208. Edited by James P. Hurd. Lewiston/Queenston/Lampeter: Edwin Mellen Press, Symposium Series Volume 37.
- 1995 "Civil Society and Congregations as Public Moral Companions." *Word & World* XV (Fall):420-427.
- 1994 "Human Nature and Communicative Ethics." *dialog* 33 (Fall):280-287.
- 1992 "For the Renewal of Repentance." *Word & World* XII (Winter):59-63.
- 1992 "Theologia Crucis and the Forensically Fraught World." In *Habermas, Modernity and Public Theology*, pp. 173-205. Edited by Don Browning and Francis Fiorenza. New York: Crossroad Publishing.
- 1989 "Theologia Crucis and the Forensically Fraught World." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 57:509-541.
- 1989 "Die Versprachlichung (und Verflussigung?) des Sakralen: Eine theologische Untersuchung zu Juergen Habermas." In *Habermas und die Theologie*, pp. 145-15. Edited by Edmund Arens. Dusseldorf: Patmos Verlag.
- 1989 "The Linguistification and (Liquefaction?) of the Sacred: A Theological Consideration of Juergen Habermas's Theory of Religion." *Explorations* 7 (Summer):21-36.
- 1989 "The Zacapa Partners: A Drama for Mission." *Voices of Congregational Life* I.8:13-14.
- 1988 "Religious Life and the Communicative Imagination of Juergen Habermas." *Religion and Intellectual Life* V (Summer):93-105.
- 1987 "Ministry, Management, and the Ecumenical Movement." *Word & World* VI (Fall):394-401.
- 1987 "The Parish as Confessing Community." *Currents in Theology and Mission* 14 (June):194-199.
- 1987 "Whither Wolfhart Pannenberg? Reciprocity and Political Theology." *Journal of Religion* 67 (January):33-49.
- "1987 "Rudolf Siebert's *The Critical Theory of Society*. *Currents in Christology Newsletter* VII (January):19-22.

- 1984 “Barmen at 50: Dangerous Memory or Remembered Dangerously.” *Dialog* 23 (Autumn):298-300.
- 1984 *Reciprocity and Political Theology*. Ann Arbor, MI: University Microfilms.
- 1980 “Reading James M. Childs’s *Christian Anthropology and Ethics*.” *Currents in Theology and Mission* VII (Autumn):246-250.
- Book Reviews in *Religious Studies Review*, *Currents in Theology and Mission*, *Word & World*, *Dialog*.

## **PUBLICATION PROJECTS**

*Future of the Body: Christology, Trinity, and Communion Ecclesiology*. With New Testament scholar, David Fredrickson.

*Missional Church and Global Civil Society*.

*God’s Publicity and Earthly Sovereignty: Toward a Theology of Earthly Sovereignty*.

*View from Below: Public Theology in Dialogue with Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Martin Luther King, Jr.*

*Sex on Purpose and Promise*.

*Generative Lutheranism*, an interpretive approach to Luther’s catechisms for missional congregations and everyday contemporary living.

## ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 “View from Below: Ecclesial Communion, Democratic Solidarity, and a Normative Practice of Global Civil Society.” *Theology in the Life of Lutheran Churches: Transformative Perspectives and Practices Today*. Augsburg, Germany.
- 2009 “The Ethics of War and Peace after 9/11.” The College Lecture. Wartburg College. Waverly, IA.
- 2009 “God’s Publicity and Earthly Sovereignty: The Question of American Empire and the Hope of International Humanitarian Law in Light of Luther, Grotius, and Niebuhr.” *Society of Christian Ethics*. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 “What Does God Require, Do, and Promise When the U.S.A. Holds Elections?” *Who Do You Say “I Am”*: Getting Honest about God Today. Crossings Second International Conference. St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 “‘Partakers of Divine Majesty’: The Question of American Empire and the Hope of International Law in Light of Luther’s Realistic Principle and Practice of God’s Publicity.” *Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Consultation*. American Academy of Religion. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 “The Era of Global Civil Society and Congregations as Public Companions: Future Considerations for the *Journal of Law and Religion*. *Speaking of Law and Religion: A Symposium to Celebrate 25 Years of the Journal of Law and Religion*. Hamline University School of Law. St. Paul, MN.
- 2008 “Publicity, Just Peacemaking, and a Lutheran Future for the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.” *ELCA Consultation Marking the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights*. Chicago, IL.
- 2008 “Can War Be Just: A Lutheran Perspective.” *Kenneth Sauer Luther Symposium*. Wittenberg University. Springfield, OH.
- 2008 “A Lutheran Future for Missional Ecclesiology: Response to Robert Kolb.” *19<sup>th</sup> Annual Theological Symposium*. Concordia Seminary. St. Louis, MO.
- 2008 “Hugo Distler’s Germany and Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Response.” *Distler Conference*. Luther Seminary. St. Paul, MN.

- 2008 “Global Civil Society and Congregations As Public Companions.” Hamline University School of Law.
- 2007 “War, Peace, and God: Where Are We Since 9/11 and Where Shall We Go?” University of St. Thomas Law School. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007 “Christian Faith and Freedom in American Public Life.” Lakeside Theological Convocation. Lakeside, OH.
- 2007 “Repentant Patriotism and International Publicity in the Face of American Empire.” Lutheran World Federation Consultation—Confessing and Living Out Faith in the Triune God: Being the Church in the Midst of Empire. St. Paul, MN
- 2007 “Lutheran World Relief—Your Passport to Global Citizenship.” Virtual University, Lutheran World Relief.
- 2007 “Seven Biblical Features for Leadership in a Shared-Power World.” Lutheran Services in America, Annual Assembly. Baltimore, MD.
- 2007 “Sex on Purpose and Promise.” Lutheran Ethicists Gathering, Society of Christian Ethics. Dallas, TX.
- 2006 “On Community: Bonhoeffer, Luther, and American Public Life.” Bell Lectures, Westwood, St. Louis Park, MN.
- 2006 “Empire and a Christian Vocation of Repentant Patriotism,” Justice and Peace Day, Central Lutheran Church. Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 “Pandemic Crisis and the Church.” Conference on Pandemic Crisis, Central Lutheran Church. Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 “Africa Is the Lord’s.” Conference on Poverty and the Mission of the Church in Africa, Lutheran World Federation. Arusha, Tanzania.
- 2006 “God in Civil Society.” Mid-Winter Convocation, Luther Seminar., St. Paul, MN
- 2006 “Congregations As Public Companions.” Mid-Winter Convocation, Luther Seminary. St. Paul, MN
- 2005 “A Reformation Is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Promising Theology for an Emerging Missional Church.” Missional Church Annual Consultation. Luther Seminary. St. Paul, MN.
- 2005 “‘Justice’—What Did Luther Say?” Lutheran Services in America, Annual Assembly. Washington D.C.

- 2005 “Being Faithful Leaders in Anxious Times: Thinking with Luther and Bonhoeffer.” Bishop’s Theological Conference, North Central Wisconsin Synod. Egg Harbor, WI
- 2005 “Wisdom and Natural Life: Enjoying Bonhoeffer.” TheoProbe XXV. Winter Park, CO.
- 2005 “Christian Ethics and Homosexuality: Preparing for the Legislative Debate Regarding Same-Gender Marriage.” Wisconsin Council of Churches. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2005 “Hope in the Face of the *National Security Strategy*: Three Readings in the Light of Patriotic Publicity.” Lutheran Ethics Gathering, Society of Christian Ethics. Miami, FL
- 2004 “What’s the ‘Faith’ in Faith-Based Leaders and Organizations?” Lutheran Services in America, CEO Retreat. Montreal, Canada.
- 2004 “God in Civil Society and Just Peacemaking in Conflicted Places.” A Place for All? Comparing Civil Societies in Scotland and Northern Ireland. University of Edinburgh and Dublin School of Theology. Belfast, Ireland.
- 2004 “The Still Inadequately Baptized ‘Body of Christ’ in Robert Jenson’s *Communio* Ecclesiology.” Upper Midwest Region, American Academy of Religion. St. Paul, MN.
- 2003 “Congregational Strategies for Invigorating Lutheranism’s Just PeaceMaking Tradition.” Winter Theological Symposium, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA; Trinity College, Issaquah, WA; and Concordia University, Portland, OR.
- 2001 “Postnational Identity, Civil Society, and Christian Imagination.” The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. Denver, CO
- 2001 “God’s Inheritance and Oliver O’Donovan’s *The Desire of Nations: Rediscovering the Roots of Political Theology*.” Lutheran Ethics Gathering, Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, IL.
- 1998 “Daunting, Indeed! A Critical Conversation with *The Promise of Lutheran Ethics*.” Lutheran Ethics Gathering, Society of Christian Ethics. Burlingame, CA.
- 1997 “Religion and Society in the Christian West.” Satya Watcana Christian University. Salatiga, Indonesia.

- 1994 "Pannenberg's Indebtedness to Schleiermacher." With Jonathan Case. The American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Schleiermacher Society. Chicago, IL.
- 1994 "Open Door for Mission: Theological Formation for Mission in North America." Gospel and Our Culture Network, Annual Consultation. Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1994 "What Makes Ethics Lutheran." Lutheran Ethics Gathering, Society of Christian Ethics. River Forest, IL.
- 1993 "Keeping the Promise: *Missio* as *Promissio*, *Confessio*, and *Vocatio*." The Van Dyke Lectures on Mission in North America. Calvin Theological Seminary. Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1993 "North American Culture from a Critical Social Theory Perspective." The Gospel and Our Culture Network. Culture and Society Work Group. Chicago, IL.
- 1993 "Confessing and Christian Existence: A Dialogue with Robert Kolb." American Academy of Religion, Upper Midwest Region. St. Paul, MN.
- 1993 "Discerning the Powers." The Gospel and Our Culture Network. Annual Consultation. Chicago, IL.
- 1992 "Person in Nature." Conference on Biology and Morality. Bethel College. St. Paul, MN.
- 1992 "Spirit and the Communicative Imagination." American Academy of Religion, Upper Midwest Region. St. Paul, MN.
- 1990 "Religion, Ideology, Discourse, and Totality." American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 1990 "Rita Brock's Erotic 'Play Space' Christological or Pneumatological?" American Academy of Religion, Northwest Region. Portland, OR.
- 1989 "Communicatively 'Putting on' One's Neighbor: The Church as Community of Moral Discourse." Church and Society Consultation. ELCA. Chicago, IL.
- 1989 "Ecumenical Implications of David Tracy's Self-rejoinder." American Academy of Religion, Northwest Region. Vancouver, BC.
- 1988 "The Rediscovery of Apocalyptic and Eschatology in Twentieth-Century Theology." Fourth Interfaith Conference on Biblical Studies. Portland, OR.

- “1988 Communicative Ethics and the Ethos of Caring.” Future of Religion Consultation. Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia. American Academy of Religion, Northwest Region. Spokane, WA.
- 1987 “Peukert, Habermas, and *Theologia Crucis*.” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- 1987 “Habermas and the Tasks of Theology.” American Academy of Religion, Oregon Chapter. Portland, OR.
- 1987 “The Linguistification of the Sacred.” American Academy of Religion, Northwest Region. Tacoma, WA.
- 1986 “Discerning a Disconcerting Slippage: Pannenberg and Anthropology.” American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 1985 “The Christian World and Israel: Political and/or Religious Dilemma.” 20 Years of Jewish-Catholic Relations. University of Portland. Portland, OR.
- 1984 “Reciprocity in the Community.” Academy of Religion, Oregon Chapter. Portland, OR.

## **RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP**

Chair, Governor's Commission on Hunger in Oregon.

Chair, Witness and Life Commission, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Board of Directors, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Local Program Chair, 1988 National Workshop on Christian Unity.

Administrative Committee, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Moderator, Snow-Cap, Church-Community Action Program, East Multnomah County, Oregon.

Co-Convener, Interfaith Conference on Biblical Studies, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR.

Chair, Jewish-Christian Association of Oregon.

Vice President, Oregon Holocaust Resource Center.

Commissioner, Inter-Lutheran Commission for Continuing Education.

Board of Directors, National Conference of Christians and Jews, Oregon Chapter.

Participant, Jewish-Christian Dialogue, American Jewish Committee, Oregon Chapter.