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### **Education**

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PhD, 1995, Family and Child Development, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. Dissertation: *Gracious Encounters: Listening to Women Who Listen for God.*

MDiv, 1980, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

M.A.R, 1976, Yale University Divinity School, New Haven, CT.

BA, 1967, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA.

### **Professional Experience**

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Pastor George Weinman Chair of Pastoral Theology and Ministry, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN 2009-present

Associate Professor of Congregational Care Leadership, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN. January 2002-present.

Marriage and Family Therapist, Pastoral Counseling Center of the Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, VA. 1998-2002.

Pastoral Associate, St. John's Episcopal Church, Roanoke, VA. 2001-2002.

Adjunct Faculty. Roanoke College, Salem, VA. 1998-1999.

Marriage and Family Therapist, Center for Family Counseling, Roanoke, VA. 1995-1998.

Teaching Assistant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. 1993-1995.

Research Assistant, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA. 1993-1994.

Parish Pastor, St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Vinton, VA. 1990-1992.

Nursing Home Administrator, Virginia Synod Lutheran Homes, Roanoke, VA. 1989-1990.

Nursing Home Chaplain, Virginia Synod Lutheran Homes, Roanoke, VA. 1985-1989.

Early Childhood Education Teacher, Yale University Child Study Center, New Haven, Ct. 1968-1970.

### **Certification and Licensures**

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Diplomate, American Association of Pastoral Counselors. 2003.

Certified Family Life Educator, National Council on Family Relations. 1998.

Board Certified Gerontology Counselor, National Board for Counselor Certification. 1998.

Board Certified Counselor, National Board for Counselor Certification. 1998.

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Board of Health Professions, Commonwealth of Virginia. 1997.

Licensed Professional Counselor, Board of Health Professions, Commonwealth of Virginia. 1995.

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. 1995.

Ordained, Lutheran Church in America, December 9, 1985

### **Honors**

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*George Weiman Chair in Pastoral Theology and Ministry*, Luther Seminary, May, 2009.

*Robert C. Croxon Memorial Award*, The Mental Health Association of the Roanoke Valley. 1997.

*Sigma Phi Omega*, National Academic Honor Society of Gerontology, 1994.

*Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship Prize*, Yale University, 1975.

## **Publications**

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### **Books**

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (forthcoming). *Spiritual resiliency and aging: Hope, relationality, and the creative self*. Amityville, NY: Baywood Press.

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (1999). *Spiritual Resiliency in older women: Models of strength for challenges through the life span*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

### **Book Chapters**

McFadden, S.H. & Ramsey, J. (in press). Encountering the numinous: Relationality, the arts, and religion in later life. In T. Cole, R. Ray, & R. Kastenbaum, (Eds.), *Guide to humanistic studies in aging*. Baltimore: John Hopkins Press.

McFadden, S.H. & Ramsey, J. (in press). Psychology, religion, and aging: An applied perspective. In D. M. Wulff (Ed.), *Handbook on the Psychology of Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Ramsey, J. (2009). Problems or Partners? Senior adults and a new story for pastoral care. In S. Kujawa-Holbrook & K. Montagno, (Eds.), *Injustice and the care of souls: Taking oppression seriously in pastoral care*, pp. 237-251. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

Ramsey, J. (2008). How does team teaching model trust in and beyond the classroom? Teaching to create the conditions for transformation. In M.E. Hess & S. D Brookfield, (Eds.), *Teaching reflectively in theological contexts: Promises and contradictions*. Melbourne, FL: Krieger Publishing.

Blieszner, R. & Ramsey, J. (2003). Uncovering spiritual resiliency through feminist qualitative methods. In S. H. McFadden, M Brennan & J. H. Patrick (Eds.), *New directions in the study of late life religiousness and spirituality*. New York: Hawthorne Pastoral Press.

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (2000). Transcending a lifetime of losses: The importance of spirituality in old age. In J. Harvey & E. D. Miller (Eds.), *Loss and trauma: General and close relationship perspectives*, pp. 225-236. New York: Brunner Routledge.

## Journal Articles

- Ramsey, J. (in press). Increased perspectives, imaginative paradigms: What seminarians need and want to learn about aging in a seminary. *Journal of Religion, Spirituality and Aging*.
- Ramsey, J. (2008). Religion, spirituality and meaning in later life. *Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging*, 32, 2, 51-54.
- Ramsey, J. (2008). Spiritual care when dementia is present: Holding fast to the memory of God. *The Clergy Journal*. 84, 1, 9-11.
- Ramsey, J. (2007) Learning from "Everyman": Thoughts on spirituality, love, and death in the lives of older couples Ramsey, *Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging*, 31, 3, 57-59.
- Ramsey, J. & Padgett, A. (2007).The wisdom of forgiveness: Singing like birds in the cage with old King Lear. *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry*, 27.1, 40-49.
- Ramsey, J. (2007). "Once in royal David's city": David's story in preaching and pastoral care . *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry*, 27, 4, 444-450.
- Ramsey, J. (2007). Counselor of the Church?, *Caring Connections: An Inter-Lutheran Journal for Practitioners and Teachers of Pastoral Care and Counseling*, 4, 2, 5-8.
- Ramsey, J. (2006). Holy friendship: Re-imagining ministry with homebound older adults. *Word and World: Theology for Christian Ministry*, 26, 3, 259-268. .
- Malcolm, L. & Ramsey, J. (2006). Teaching and Learning Forgiveness: a Multi Dimensional Approach. *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 9, 3, 175-185.
- Ramsey, J. (2005). Celebration: A feminist metaphor for pastoral counseling supervision. *Journal of Supervision and Training in Ministry*, 25, 134-155.
- Ramsey, J. (2005). Perspectives on the future of aging, religion and spirituality. *Aging and Spirituality*, 6-7.
- McFadden, S. & Ramsey, J. (2005). Expanding lives: Research and practice in psychology, religion. *Aging Today*, 26, 7-10.
- Ramsey, J. (2004). Clothed in nothingness: Consolation for suffering. *Lutheran Quarterly*, 18,3, 362-364.
- Blieszner, R. & Ramsey, J. (2003). Spiritual resiliency in later life: Implications

for family educators and practitioners. *Family Focus*, 48: 4, 7-9.

Ramsey, J. (2003). Caring at a distance: A need for spiritual resiliency. *Link*, 7-10.

Blieszner, R. & Ramsey, J. L. (2002). Uncovering spiritual resiliency through feminist, qualitative methods. *Journal of Religious Gerontology*, 14, 31-49.

Ramsey, J. (Summer, 2001). Spiritual intimacy in later life: Implications for clinical practice. *Generations: Journal of the American Society on Aging*, 25, 2, 59-63.

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (2000). Community, affect, and family relations, *Journal of Religious Gerontology*, 11,1, 39-64.

### **Audio, Video and On-line Education Materials**

Ramsey, J. (2007). Forgiveness. In, *The Thoughtful Christian: Faithful Living in a Complex World*. [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com).

Ramsey, J. (2006). Understanding aging. In, *The Thoughtful Christian: Faithful Living in a Complex World*. [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com)

Ramsey, J. (2006). How do we see Judas? *The Lutheran Magazine*.

Jacobson, R., Malcolm, L., Ramsey, J. & Sundberg, W. (2006). *Good God Questions*, vol. 2. St. Paul, MN: Luther Productions

Ramsey et al. (2006). *Opening Prayer*. St. Paul, MN: Luther Productions.

Ramsey, J. (2004). *Aging and Spirituality*. St. Paul, MN: Luther Productions.

### **Academic and Other Major Presentations**

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Ramsey, J. & Mungai, L. (2009). *Fresh perspectives, increased depth: Teaching gerontology collaboratively across cultures*. Association for Gerontology in Higher Education 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Educational Leadership Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (2008). *Relational, spiritual resiliency: Forgiveness and community among older German and American men and women*. Annual Meeting of the Gerontology Society of America, National Harbor, MD.

Ramsey, J. & Eilberg, A. (2008). Aging and spirituality. Annual Jewish-Christian seminar, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN.

Ramsey, J. (2008). *The power of narrative inquiry in researching religion, aging and resiliency*. International Institute for Qualitative Methodology, Alberta, Canada.

Ramsey, J. & Luci, K. (2008). *Forgiveness, healing, and post-traumatic growth. Liberian pastors conference on truth and reconciliation*, St. Paul, MN.

Hess, Brookfield, et al. (2007). *Teaching reflectively in theological contexts*. American Academy on Religion, San Diego, CA.

Ramsey, J. (2007). *Aging and the humanities*. Women of Faith and Vision Summit, Venice, FL.

Ramsey, J. (2006). *Forgiveness and healing: Learning from our elders*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Ramsey, J. (2005). *Spiritual resiliency in older women*. Women of the ELCA Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Ramsey, J. (2005). *Spiritual development through the life span*, Gerontological Pastoral Care Institute, Maplewood, MN.

Ramsey, J. (2005). *Extraordinary forgiveness*. Jewish Christian Annual Symposium, St. Paul, MN.

Ramsey, J. (2005). *Reflections on the future of religion in the lives of aging persons*. Joint Conference of the American Society on Aging and the National Council on the Aging, Philadelphia, PA.

Ramsey, J. (2004). *Discipleship and Organizational Leadership*. Faith-Based Leadership Institute, Spirit in the Desert Lutheran Retreat Center, Carefree, AZ.

Blieszner, R. & Ramsey, J. (2004). *Dimensions of Spiritual Resiliency in American and German Aged Men. Spirituality, Feeling Connected, Psychosocial Development, and Aging*, (Symposium), Gerontological Society of America Annual Conference.

Ramsey, J. (2004). *What's faith got to do with it? Aging well through spiritual resiliency*. Annual Gerontology Forum, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Ramey, J. (2003). *Supervision as celebration*, American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Meeting, Certification Committee, Newport, RI.

Ramsey, J. (2002) *From path to intersection to web: Envisioning spiritual resiliency for individuals and organizations*. Key note address: Lutheran Social Ministry Regional Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Ramey, J. (2001). *Spiritual resiliency and aging*, Center for Religion and Spirituality Conference, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN.

Ramsey, J. (2001) Keynote address. *Growing Old Together: Creative Caring in Communities of Faith*. Center for Aging, Religion and Spirituality, Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN.

*Ramsey, J. (2001). The neglected resource: Spiritual resiliency in care giving*, American Association of Pastoral Counselors Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Ramsey, J. & Blieszner, R. (2000). *Spiritual resiliency in women*, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. April, 2000.

Ramsey, J. (2000). *Resiliency as a transplant survivor*, Transplants of Virginia, Roanoke, VA.

Ramsey, J. (1999). *Emotional issues in care giving*, Virginia Council for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Fredricksburg, VA.

Ramsey, J. (1997). *Spiritual resiliency*. Gerontology Forum, Virginia Polytechnic and State University, Blacksburg, VA.

Ramsey, J. (1996). *Storied therapy and creative coping: Using narrative approaches in counseling*, Virginia Counselors Association Annual Convention, Roanoke, VA.

Ramey, J. & Blieszner, R. (1996). Community, affect, and family relations: A cross-cultural study of older women's spiritual resiliency, *National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference*, Kansas City, MI.

Ramsey, J. (1994). New spectacles to study old age: The coming together of spirituality and gerontology in a search for the inner dimensions of aging, *Southern Gerontology Society Annual Meeting*, Charlotte, NC.

Ramsey, J. (1994). Looking for God in all the wrong places: Aging and religion research, *Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Meeting*, Cleveland, Ohio.

## **Reviewing and Editing**

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*Caring Connections: An Inter-Lutheran Journal for Practitioners and Teachers of Pastoral Care and Counseling.*

*Lutheran Quarterly*

*International Journal of Personal Relationships*

*National Council on Family Relations*

*The Journal of Applied Gerontology*

*Lutheran Women*

*The Link: A Journal of Lutheran Long-Term Care Chaplains.*

## **Board Experience, Academic and Church Wide**

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Word and World

Center for Aging, Religion and Spirituality

Luther Productions

Inter-Lutheran Coordinating Committee for Specialized Ministry

Caring Connections

## **Professional Affiliations (Current)**

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American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

American Association of Pastoral Counselors

Gerontological Society of America

National Council on Family Relations