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Professional Experience

2012- Professor of Historical Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology
2005-2018 Director of Contextual Education
2002-2012 Associate Professor of Historical Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology
1991-2002 Assistant Professor of Historical Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology
1989-91 Instructor of Historical Theology, Saint Paul School of Theology
1987-89 Instructor of Religion, Augustana College, Rock Island, IL
1980-82 Instructor of Religion, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN

Areas of Teaching Competence

Primary: Historical Theology and Ethics, Church History
Secondary: Practical Theology, Contextual Education, Spirituality, Social Ministry

Recent Articles and Book Chapters

“Schleiermacher’s Ecclesial Ethics: The Role of Community in the *Christliche Sittenlehre*,” in Understanding Schleiermacher: From Translation to Interpretation, A Festschrift in Honor of Terrence Nelson Tice, ed. Ruth Drucilla Richardson and Edwina Lawler (Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press), 1998, pp. 409-20.

“Schleiermacher’s Social Witness,” Currents in Theology and Mission (vol. 30, 2; April 2003), pp. 85-95.

“Schleiermacher” in Encyclopedia of Protestantism (Routledge, 2003).

“Interpretation of Culture in Schleiermacher’s *Christian Ethics*,” in Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology, ed. Brent W. Sockness & Wilhelm Graeb (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2010).

Book Review: Knowing the Context: Frames, Tools, and Signs for Preaching by James R. Nieman. Reviewed in Currents in Theology and Mission (August 2010, 37:4), 339-340.

“Historical Theology and Practical Theology,” in The Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology, ed. Bonnie Miller Miller-McLemore (London: Blackwell/Wiley, 2012).

Book Review of Martin Bucer’s Doctrine of Justification: Reformation Theology and Early Modern Irenicism. By Brian Lugioyo. Oxford Studies in Historical Theology. Oxford: Oxford University Press. In *Church History*, December 2012.

Book Review of Christopher H. Evans, *Liberalism without illusions: renewing an American Christian tradition* and Timothy A. Beach-Verhey, *Robust liberalism: H. Richard Niebuhr and the ethics of American public life*. *Journal Of The Society Of Christian Ethics* 33, no. 2 (September 1, 2013): 190-192.

“Student Formation through Experiential and Transformative Learning: Pedagogical Insights from/for Contextual Education,” in *Proleptic Pedagogy: Theological Education Anticipating the Future*, ed. Nancy Howell and Sondra Matthaai (Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books), 2014.

Peer Review of “Grace and Human Action: Distinctively Christian Action in Schleiermacher’s Christian Ethics” for the *Journal of Religion*. Summer 2014.

Book Review, Jurgen Moltmann, *The Living God and the Fullness of Life*, in *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 16 (3), March 2016. <http://www.elca.org/JLE/Articles/1143>

Book Review, Tex Sample, *A Christian Justice for the Common Good*, in *Currents in Theology and Mission*, vol. 44, No. 2 (2017). <http://currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents/issue/view/48>

Book Review, Schleiermacher: *Christmas Dialogue, The Second Speech, and Other Selections for Spiritus: A Journal of Christian Spirituality*. Vol 17, No. 1 (Spring 2017) <http://muse.jhu.edu/article/655757>

“Schleiermacher on Church and Christian Ethics,” in *Schleiermacher and Sustainability*, ed. Shelli M. Poe (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press), 2018.

“Schleiermacher’s *Christian Ethics*,” in *Oxford Handbook of Schleiermacher*, ed. Andrew Dole, Shelli M. Poe, and Kevin Vander Schel (Oxford: Oxford University Press), forthcoming.

Book

All Things New: Reform of Church and Society in Schleiermacher’s Christian Ethics. (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press), 2001.

Translation

Schleiermacher’s Christian Ethics: Selections (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2011)

Church Publications and Productions

“Theological Reflections,” in *Lectionary Homiletics*, December 2003. Reflections on the lessons for each Sunday in December, 2003.

“Theological Reflections,” in *Lectionary Homiletics*, May 2006. Reflections on the lessons for four Sundays after Easter in May, 2006.

“Guatemalan Encounter,” producer for a 50-minute video on student immersion experience in Guatemala. Developed along with members of the 2003 Guatemala Immersion Class and Saving Grace Ministries of the Church of the Resurrection. Release date: summer, 2006

Leadership in the Academy

Panelist, “What’s Next in Eco-Theologies? Christian Traditions Working toward Sustainable Living,” Nov. 2019, AAR Session sponsored by Schleiermacher Group and Religion and Ecology Group

Peer review of article, “Schleiermacher on Election in Christian Faith and Christian Ethics,” for *Open Theology* on-line journal, 2015.

Steering Committee, Schleiermacher Group AAR, 2010-2016

Steering Committee, International Schleiermacher Society, 1988-1996, 2001-2010

Peer Review for Westminster John Knox Press of Catherine L. Kelsey, book proposal which became *Thinking about Christ with Schleiermacher*, 2001.

Reviewer for the AAR of the Schleiermacher Group for its renewal for AAR, 2007.

Endorsement, John Wilson, *Introduction to Modern Theology*, 2009

Endorsement, Catherine Kelsey, *Thinking about Christ with Schleiermacher*, 2007

Peer review of article on John Donne’s preaching for *Journal of Religion*, 2007

Church and Board Service

Advisory Board, Souljourners (Ecumenical Program for Spiritual Direction), 1994-2001

Teaching Faculty, Souljourners (Ecumenical Program for Spiritual Direction) 1994- .

Regularly offer courses in “Reformation Spiritualities” and “Men’s and Women’s Spiritualities” as part of the Souljourner curriculum.

Committee for Program Unit for Church in Society, ELCA, 2001-2007

Chair, 2006-7

Advisory member, Sexuality Task Force, ELCA, 2002-2007

Steering Committee, Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement, 2013-2020

Leadership Group, Lead4Change, 2015-18

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