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### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.** Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
Joint Ph.D. program in Religious and Psychological Studies, Ph. D. 2003  
Dissertation title: “Agency, Culture and Human Personhood: A Feminist Pastoral Theology of Agency and the Cultural Construction of Human Personhood from the Context of Intimate Partner Violence”

**M.Div.** Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1992, Magna Cum Laude

**B.A.** University of Florida, 1975, Cum Laude, major - psychology

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**St. Paul School of Theology**, Kansas City, MO July 2001 – current  
Vice-President of Academic Affairs and Dean, 2017 - present  
Academic Dean, 2016 - 2017  
Appointed to Franklin and Louise Cole Chair in Town and Country Ministries, 2015  
Dean of Students – 2013 - 2014  
Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Care, 2009  
Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, 2003 – 2008  
Instructor of Pastoral Care, 2001 - 2003

### **CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Violence against women and children; gun violence; abuse and trauma; feminist and queer theory; human sexuality; rural ministry

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Care; Family Violence; Feminist/Womanist Issues and Methods in Pastoral Care; Topics in Pastoral Care: Crisis Intervention; Topics in Pastoral Care: Trauma; Topics in Pastoral Care: Depression; Cultural Dynamics in Pastoral Care; Pastoral Psychology; Guatemala Immersion; Christian Ministry in a Violent World; Advanced Praxis Seminar: Ministry in Rural Congregations and Communities; Democratic Republic of Congo Immersion; Contextual Pastoral Theology and Care for the Marginalized; Ministry in the Midst of Violence

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Review of *LGBTQ Suicide and the Souls of Queer Folk*, by Cody J. Sanders, *International Journal of Practical Theology*, 25, no.1 (2021): 149-151. (by invitation)

“Assessment of Formation and Assessment as Formative,” *Teaching Theology and Religion*, 23 (2020): 75-77.

“Worship as Pastoral Care: Rural Mental Illness and Suicide,” *Liturgy*, 32, no.4 (2017): 1-9. (by invitation)

“Queering Intimate Partner Violence,” *Sacred Spaces: the E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors*, 2016. (by invitation)

“Pastor/Parishioner Relationships: Love, Power and Vulnerability.” In *Professional Sexual Ethics: a Holistic Ministry Approach*, edited by Patricia Beattie Jung and Darryl W. Stephens, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013, 183 – 192.

with Shannon Jung and Joretta Marshall, *Practicing Care in Rural Communities and Congregations*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2013.

"Seeing Power: Pastoral Recognition and Response to Intimate Partner Abuse." *INTAMS Review* 17 (2011): 152 - 161. (by invitation)

“Gender, Sexism and Heterosexism.” In *Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology*, edited by Bonnie Miller-McLemore, West Sussex, UK: Blackwell, 2011, 412 – 421.

“Book review of Poling, J. N. Rethinking faith: A constructive practical theology,” *Journal for Pastoral Psychology*, (2011). (by invitation)

“Pastoral Implications” in *Lectioary Homiletics*, (Nov. 2009).

*Agency, Culture and Personhood: Pastoral Theology and Intimate Partner Violence*, Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2008.

“The Protected Generation: Fear, Violence and Perfect Love.” In Sondra Matthaiei, editor, *Loving God, Loving Neighbor* (Philadelphia, PA: XLibris, 2008), 108-126.

“Toward a Pastoral Theology of Resistance to Violence.” *Journal of Pastoral Theology* 16 (Fall 2006): 35-51.

“Self” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity*. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005.

“Don’t Let the Rhetoric Fool You.” *VOICE*, (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: Summer 1995).

### **LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Assessment of Formation and Assessment as Formative” workshop panel, Chief Academic Officers meeting, Association for Theological Schools, April 2019.

“Diversity, Identity, Contextuality, and Authentic Witness,” paper presented to GBHEM Colloquy on the Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality: Toward a Faithful United Methodist Witness, March 2017

“Rural Faith and Justice,” Scarritt Bennett Center, presenter, Oct. 2016

“Rural and Religious Perspectives on Gun Violence,” Gun Violence Symposium, Kansas City University of Medicine and the Center for Practical Bioethics, presenter, Aug. 2016

“Guns, Fear and Faith,” Asbury United Methodist Church, Prairie Village, Jan 31 and Feb. 7, 2016

"Scholars in Action: Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls as an Agenda for Theological Education," invited participant, Carter Center, Atlanta, GA, Nov. 2015, invited participant

“Pastoral Care for LGBTQ Victims/Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence: A Roundtable Conversation,” Webinar Panelist for Faith Trust Institute, Nov. 2015.

“Pastoral Care in the Context of Military Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence,” with Kristen Leslie, learning track, Pathways to Hope Conference, Oct. 2015

“Seminary and the Mega-Church: Collaborative Pedagogy,” plenary presentation, Center for Theology and Practice Conference, Vanderbilt Divinity School, June 2015

“Teaching Rural Ministry for the Church and the Academy,” workshop, Center for Theology and Practice Conference, Vanderbilt Divinity School, June 2015

“Prophetic Care: the Rural Church and Mental Health Care,” keynote address, Rural Ministry Conference Wartburg Theological Seminary, March 2015

“Guns, Crime and Safety,” workshop, Rural Ministry Conference Wartburg Theological Seminary, March 2015

“Beyond Apologetics: Queering Domestic Violence” presentation, Brite Divinity School, Oct. 2010

“Beyond Apologetics,” Phillips School of Theology, Feb. 2010

“At the Heart of the Matter: Excellence in Congregational Care” Keynote Presenter, Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS, Oct. 2008

“Theological Issues in a Cultural and Community Context: Postmodern Implications for Pastoral Care” CPE didactic at Heartland Medical Center, St. Joseph, MO, June 2008

“Spirituality and Sexuality,” University of Kansas Medical School, Psychiatry Dept., January 2008

“Gang Violence” Saint Paul School of Theology Fall Symposium 2007

Life-enriching Relationships in the Parish: Boundary Training for Parish Professionals, workshop for clergy and staff, Church of the Resurrection, Leawood, KS, Oct. 2007.

Jackson County Safe Families Coalition, Safe Families through Faith, major conference presenter, May 2007 and workshop leader, May 2008

Clergy Boundaries training, Disciples of Christ, Western Missouri, workshop leader, April and Sept. 2007, Sept. and Oct 2008.

Sabbaths of Hope: Faith Communities Responding to Depression, with Center for Practical Bioethics and Midwest Association of Mental Health, major presenter, curriculum author, Feb. 2007 and Feb. 2008

“Doing Theology in Theological Education,” plenary presentation, Wabash Pre-Tenure Workshop, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning, June 2006

“Toward a Pastoral Theology of Resistance” work-in-progress plenary session, Society for Pastoral Theology, June 2006

“Teaching Scholars, Changing Models: A Consultation with Women Activists in the Academy,” May 2006, invited participant

“Sexuality and Spirituality: Embodied Theology,” Affirmation: United Methodists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Concerns, annual retreat leader with David Meredith, St. Louis, MO, Sept. 2006

“Welcoming Difference, Celebrating Conflict” workshop, Walking the Way Together Conference in spiritual formation sponsored by Church of the Resurrection, Overland Park, KS and Saint Paul School of Theology, Jan. 2006

“Domestic Violence: A Challenge to Pastoral Care,” presentation, Kansas City Area Chaplains, Sept. 2004

“Victims of Abuse, Agents of Resistance,” workshop, Society for Pastoral Theology Annual Meeting, June 2004

“Current Trends in Pastoral Theology and Care,” response to Carrie Doehring, Regional ACPE annual meeting, March 2004

Breaking the Silence: a conversation about family violence,” workshop, Chase County, KS Ministerial Alliance, March 2004

“Recognizing Abusive Behaviors in Relationships” and “Pastoral Care in the Context of Family Violence,” workshops, Community of Christ National Peace Colloquy, Nov. 2003

“Violence and Children,” Presentation, Iowa Ecumenical Ministries, Nov. 2003

“Spiritual Growth from a LGBT Perspective”, workshop, Reconciling Ministries Regional Convocation, Trinity United Methodist Church, Sept. 2003

“A Pastoral Care for Resistance,” presentation, Heartland Medical Center CPE, June 2003 and St. Luke’s Medical Center, Oct. 2003

“Hope in a Time of Terror,” Missouri Area Ministers’ School, Jan. 2003

“Resisting and Creating Culture in our Beings,” Gerri Skinner Lecture Series, St. Marks United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ, Jan. 2001

“Object Relations and Theologies of Erotic Power” presentation at the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Conference, 1997

“Battered Women: Spiritual and Theological” and “The Rhetoric of the New Christian Right” workshop presentations to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence National Conference, August 1996

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Dean’s Colloquy, 2017-2018**

**Louisville Institute Leadership Grant, “Practicing Care in Rural Congregations and Communities,”** with Joretta Marshall and Shannon Jung, Sept. 2007 – May 2008

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Pre-Tenure Summer Fellowship,** summer 2006

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for Pastoral Theology,  
Treasurer, 2007 – 2010,  
Chair – 2010 -2011

International Academy of Practical Theology, elected to membership 2010

Association for Practical Theology

American Academy of Religion

### **EDITORIAL BOARDS**

Journal for Pastoral Theology, 2006 – 2018

AOSIS OpenBooks (South Africa) – Domain Religion, 2013 – present

International Journal for Practical Theology, 2014 – present

### **DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION**

**Ordained Elder,** Florida Annual Conference, United Methodist Church, 1994

Elder in the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, 1997 – current