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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of the History of Christianity, Missouri State University, Department of Languages, Cultures and Religions, 2023-present

Associate Professor of Reformation and Luther Studies, United Lutheran Seminary, 2020-2023

Assistant Professor of Reformation and Luther Studies, United Lutheran Seminary, 2019-2020

Instructor in Reformation and Luther Studies, United Lutheran Seminary, 2017-2019

Visiting Instructor in Reformation and Luther Studies, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, 2015-2017

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in History of Christianity, June 2014

M.A. in History of Christianity, June 2007

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

B.A. in History, 2001

BOOKS

The Passion and the Making of Christian Persons in Sixteenth Century Germany (Brill, under contract).

Enemies of the Cross: Suffering, Truth, and Mysticism in the Early Reformation (Oxford University Press, 2021).

Reviews in *Catholic Historical Review*, *Central European History*, *Choice Reviews*, *Church History and Religious Culture*, *Expository Times*, *Fides et Historia*, *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

Co-editor with Ronald K. Rittgers, *Protestants and Mysticism in Reformation Europe* (Brill, 2019).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘Still today the members of Christ are damp with blood’: The Body in Sixteenth-Century Lutheran Passion Piety,” *Sixteenth Century Journal* 54, no. 1-2 (March 2024), 119-41.

“The Lutheran Transformation of Passion Devotion, 1520-1560, and Lessons for Today,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 61, no. 2 (Summer 2022): 156-65

- “‘Our Jews’: Anti-Judaism and the Formation of Reformation-era Christians,” *Journal of Religion* 99 no. 4 (Oct. 2019): 403-31
- “From the Universal to the Particular: Luther and the Reformation after 500 Years,” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 69, no. 2 (April 2018), 806-820
- “The Future of Reformation Studies,” *Church History and Religious Culture* 97, nos. 3-4 (Dec. 2017), 310-21
- “The ‘Enemies of God’ in Luther’s Final Sermons: Jews, Papists, and the Problem of Blindness to Scripture,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 55, no. 3 (Sept. 2016), 229-238
- “Mysticism, Christianization, and Dissent: The Appropriation of Johannes Tauler in Simon Haferitz’s *Sermon on the Feast of the Three Holy Kings* (1524),” *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte/Archive for Reformation History* 106 (Nov. 2015): 67-91
- “Jewishness as an Explanation for Rejection of the Word: Caspar Güttel’s Reception of Martin Luther’s Anti-Judaism,” *Church History and Religious Culture* 95, nos. 2-3 (Sept. 2015): 203-221
- “Wittenberg’s Wandering Spirits: Discipline and the Dead in the Reformation,” *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 84, no. 3 (Sept. 2015): 531-555
- “Divine Pedagogy and Self-Accusation: Reassessing the Theology of Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt,” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 87, no. 3 (July 2013): 335-367

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Luther on Justification,” in *Martin Luther Today*, ed. Donald K. McKim (Fortress, forthcoming)—work in progress.
- “Lutherische Passionsmeditationsliteratur des 16. Jh.,” in *Luthers Passionsfrömmigkeit. Wurzeln, Ausprägungen, Wirkungen*, ed. Jonathan Reinert (Mohr Siebeck, forthcoming).
- “Seeing God in Christ, being seen as the body of Christ, seeing others as God’s beloved: A Lutheran reflection on the church post-Covid-19,” in *Church after Corona: What the Pandemic Teaches about Worship and Theology*, ed. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero (Springer/Palgrave, 2023)
- “The Suffering and Death of Christ as Epistemological Framework in Reformation-era Lutheran Teaching: Martin Luther, Veit Dietrich, and Cyriacus Spangenberg,” in *Reading Certainty: Epistemology and Exegesis on the Threshold of Modernity. Essays honoring the Scholarship of Susan E. Schreiner*, eds. Ralph Keen, Elizabeth Palmer, and Daniel Owings (Brill, 2023)
- “Introduction” (with Ronald Rittgers), “Epilogue,” and “Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt,” in *Protestants and Mysticism in Reformation Europe*, eds. Evener and Rittgers (Brill, 2019)
- “German and Latin Editions of Luther’s Works, from the Sixteenth Century to the *Weimarer Ausgabe*,” in *Martin Luther in Context*, ed. David M. Whitford (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

“Luther and Mysticism,” *Lutherjahrbuch* 90 (2023), 291-94 [= Seminar Report from 14th International Luther Congress, November 2022].

“German Mysticism” and “Wittenberg,” in *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, ed. Mark A. Lamport (Rowman and Littlefield, 2017)

BOOK REVIEWS

Reichstag – Reichsstadt – Konfession. Worms 1521, edited by Claus Arnold, Martin Belz and Matthias Schnettger. *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, in press.

Teaching Reformation: Essays in Honor of Timothy J. Wengert, edited by Luka Ilić and Martin J. Lohrmann. *Lutheran Quarterly* 37, no. 3 (Autumn 2023): 335-37.

Metaphysics in the Reformation: The Case of Peter Martyr Vermigli, by Silvianna Aspray. *Central European History* 55, no. 4 (Dec. 2022): 608-9.

Die Rezeption der >Theologia Deutsch< bis 1523. Stationen der Wirkungsgeschichte im Spätmittelalter und in der frühen Reformationszeit, by Andreas Zecherle. *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 72, no. 3 (July 2021): 649-51.

The Dynamics of the Early Reformation in their Reformed Augustinian Context, by Robert Christman. *Lutheran Quarterly* 35, no. 2 (Summer 2021): 189-91.

Living I was your Plague: Martin Luther's World and Legacy, by Lyndal Roper. *Christian Century* 138, no. 10 (May 19, 2021): 43-44.

Reformations: The Early Modern World, 1450-1650, by Carlos M. N. Eire. *Journal of World History* 28, nos. 3-4 (Dec. 2017): 701-4.

The Ends of Life: Roads to Fulfillment in Early Modern England, by Keith Thomas. *Journal of Religion* 91, no. 4 (Oct. 2011): 548-550.

TRANSLATIONS

Ulrich Bubenheimer, “Gelassenheit and Detachment: A Psycho-Historical Study of Andreas Bodenstein of Karlstadt and his Conflict with Martin Luther” – revised translation for website of Karlstadt Edition: <https://karlstadt-edition.org/library/essays/>

Markus Matthias, “Andreas Musculus and Michael Neander,” in *Protestants and Mysticism in Reformation Europe*, eds. Evener and Rittgers (Brill, 2019)

Wolfgang Flügel, “German or English? Halle's Pastors in Pennsylvania and the Search for the Right Language, 1742-1820,” in *Babel of the Atlantic: Language and Cultural Politics in Colonial Pennsylvania*, ed. Bethany Wiggin (Penn State University Press, 2019)

EDITORIALS

- “Beyond diminishment to full personhood in Christ,” *Living Lutheran*, May 29, 2024.
<https://www.livinglutheran.org/2024/05/beyond-diminishment-to-full-personhood-in-christ/>
- “Learning to See the Vulnerable,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 60, no. 4 (Dec. 2021): 345-46.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12701>
- “Lutheranism and Race: Introduction to Dialog in Dialog,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 60, no. 2 (June 2021): 191-92. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12651>
- “Church as Counter-Image to Brutality,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* 21, no. 1 (Feb. 2021): no pagination. <https://learn.elca.org/jle/church-as-counter-image-to-brutality/>
- “Spirit and Truth: Reckoning with the Crises of Covid-19 for the Church,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 59 no. 3 (Sept. 2020): 233-241. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12594>
- “Whose lives matter to white Christians? Luther’s idols and ours,” *Christian Century*, August 12, 2020: 28-31. Online as, “In declaring whose lives matter, Martin Luther failed his own idolatry test”: <https://www.christiancentury.org/article/critical-essay/declaring-whose-lives-matter-martin-luther-failed-his-own-idolatry-test>
- “Global Christianity and theological education: Introduction to Dialog in Dialog,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 59 no. 2 (June 2020): 75-77. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12569>
- “Reflections on Teaching the Tradition,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 58, no. 4 (Dec. 2019): 245-48.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/dial.12521>
- Facebook post on religious violence, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, May 30, 2019.
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Product-Service/Dialog-A-Journal-of-Theology-148422778541917/>
- Co-author with Maria Erling, “The Confessions Unite Us,” *Living Lutheran* 1, no. 8 (Nov. 2016): 60-61.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “Catholic Passion Devotion in the Later Sixteenth Century: Jakob Feucht and Adam Walasser,” Sixteenth Century Society Conference, October 26, 2023.
- “The ‘School of God’: Mysticism, Humanism, and the Attack on University Learning in the Reformation,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 9, 2019
- “‘The brighter the light of the Gospel shines ..., the more they are blinded’: The Use of the Jew in Johannes Bugenhagen’s Passion Harmony,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Oct. 28, 2017

“From Humiliation to a Fearless Death: Luther’s Doctrine of the Christian Life and its Reception,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 6, 2017

“‘Our Jews’: Luther, Eck, and the Function of the Jew in Sixteenth-Century Postils,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Aug. 19, 2016

“Luther and his Age: Spirituality and Suffering,” Biennial Meeting of the American Cusanus Society, Oct. 2, 2016

“‘How bitter and harsh the school of Christ is’: Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt’s Reception and Use of the *Theologia Deutsch*,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 10, 2016

“Autobiographical Narrative, Conversion, and Confessional Boundaries in the Reformation: Caspar Güttel (1471-1542) and Georg Witzel (1501-73),” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 4, 2015

“The Hope of Jewish Conversion in the Reformation: Caspar Güttel’s Response to Martin Luther’s Treatise, *That Jesus Christ was Born a Jew* (1523),” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 23, 2014

“The Early Protestant (Re)imagination of Purgatory,” Southern Humanities Council Conference, Feb. 1, 2014

“Suffering as ‘lux consolationis’: Thomas Müntzer, Martin Luther, and the Truth Crisis of the Early Reformation,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Oct. 28, 2011

PUBLIC LECTURES, CLASSES, AND INVITED TALKS

“America’s Golgotha: What can the history of passion devotion teach us about Gettysburg remembrance?” This Nation Under God: A Symposium Commemorating the Gettysburg Address 160 Years Later, United Lutheran Seminary, November 4, 2023

“Teaching at a Religiously Affiliated Institution,” University of Chicago Divinity School, April 5, 2023

“The Passion and Spirituality in Sixteenth Century Lutheranism,” Luther Colloquy, United Lutheran Seminary, Oct. 20, 2021

“Lutheran Theology 101: The Gift of Lutheran Theology” (four video lectures with discussion questions and reading recommendations), Virginia Synod ELCA, October 2021

“Luther’s Three Great Reformation Treatises—on the 500th Anniversary” (three classes), Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg, PA , November 2020

“Luther, Mysticism, and the Social Order” (two lectures), Luther Rose Lecture Series, Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra, PA, Nov. 4, 2018

“Mysticism and Lutheran Spirituality – or, Resisting the Compartmentalization of Religion,” SemTalk for “The Weekend” Discernment Event, United Lutheran Seminary, Oct. 20, 2018

“Luther’s Influence on Education,” St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Martinsburg, PA, June 17, 2018

“Christology and the Sacraments” (four classes), Lay Ministry Institute, Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, April 14, 2018

“The Heidelberg Disputation and Luther’s Theology of the Cross,” Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, April 6, 2018

“Luther’s View of Reform,” Evangelical Seminary, Oct. 30, 2017; Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Nov. 14, 2017 – part of a panel, “Three Views of Reform: Luther, Calvin, Swiss Anabaptists,” with Jeffrey Bach and Mark Draper

“The Reformation and Mysticism,” Springfield Library Center, Springfield, MO, Oct. 20, 2017

“The Reformation and the Quest for God’s Presence” (three lectures and a discussion forum), Southwest Pennsylvania Synod (ELCA) Annual Convocation, Oct. 9-11, 2017

“Luther and the Jews,” Grace Lutheran Church, Bayonne, NJ, May 20, 2017

“Luther’s *Small Catechism* and the Spirituality of the Reformation,” St. Stephen Lutheran Church, New Kingstown, PA, May 2, 2017

“Luther on Suffering and the Theology of the Cross,” St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Washington, DC, March 12, 2017

“Luther’s *Small Catechism* in Light of its Medieval Predecessors,” St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, York, PA, Oct. 23, 2016

“Martin Luther on Purgatory and the Ghosts,” Grace Lutheran Church, Bayonne, NJ, May 21, 2016

“Luther and the Jews,” Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Oct. 31, 2014

“The Reformation,” Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Oct. 10, 2014

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Workshop Director: “Luther and Mysticism/Luther und die Mystik,” 14th International Luther Congress, Thousand Oaks, CA, Nov. 2022 – Seminar report will be published in *Lutherjahrbuch* 90 (2023).

Co-organizer and co-Chair: “Protestants and Mysticism in Reformation Europe,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Oct. 18, 2019 – sponsored by the Society for Reformation Research

Panelist: “Reflections on the Reformation’s 500th: A New Luther?” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Nov. 1, 2018

Organizer: “Martin Luther and the Reformation: Revisiting the Reformer’s Roots and Influence,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 6, 2017

Organizer: “Luther and the Jews,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Aug. 19, 2016

Chair: “Early Modern Views of Islam,” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Aug. 20, 2016

Organizer: “Mysticism in Early Modern Protestantism,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 10, 2016

Organizer and Chair: “Teaching Early Modern Christianity,” Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 7, 2016

Organizer: “Anti-Judaism in 15th- and 16th-Century Europe: Continuity and Change,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 23, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Prize Committee Member, Abdel Ross Wentz Prize in American Lutheran History, Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid-Atlantic, Fall 2023

Chair, History-Theology Area, United Lutheran Seminary, January 2023-June 2023

Director, Luther Colloquy, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg/United Lutheran Seminary, Sept. 2015-June 2023

Colloquies planned: 2016, *Facing Suffering: The Search for Meaning, Consolation and Strength*; 2017, *Luther and the Catholic Church*; 2018, *Theology and Exegesis in African Contexts*; 2019, *Theological Education in the Lutheran Tradition*; 2020, *Lutheranism and Race*; 2021, *Lutheran Spirituality*; 2022, *1522/2022—Lutheranism and the Status Quo*; 2023, *Doubt*

Planning Committee Co-chair, Biennial Conference of the American Cusanus Society, Oct. 2018-August 2023

Watanabe Fund Committee (United Lutheran Seminary), July 2017-June 2023 (overseeing fund for acquisition of books and lectures)

Seminary Liaison to Lower Susquehanna Synod Candidacy Committee (ELCA), July 2018-May 2019; January 2021-December 2021

Program Committee Assistant, 2016 Winter Meeting of the American Society of Church History, Jan. 2015-Jan. 2016

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Manuscripts reviewed for *Antisemitism Studies*, *Church History and Religious Culture*, *Consensus: A Journal of Canadian Public Theology*, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, *Journal of Early Modern Christianity*, *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, *Oxford Bibliographies*, *Renaissance & Reformation Review*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Teaching Theology and Religion*

Editorial Board, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Nov. 2017-present

Editor-in-Chief, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Jan. 2023-Dec. 2023

Book Review Editor, *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, Nov. 2018-Jan. 2023

Managing Editor, *Religion and Culture Web Forum*, Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion, University of Chicago Divinity School, Aug. 2010-May 2014

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Religion*, University of Chicago Divinity School, June 2008-June 2010

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Faculty Research Grant, June-September 2022, for study at Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany

Fulbright/Institute for International Education Dissertation Grant, Sept. 2012-July 2013, for research primarily at the Sächsische Landesbibliothek—Staats- und Universitätsbibliothek, Dresden

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) Graduate Research Grant, Sept. 2012-July 2013, *declined*

Rolf und Ursula Schneider Stiftung Fellowship for Doctoral Research, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany, June 2012-Sept. 2012

Martin Marty Center for the Advanced Study of Religion Dissertation Fellowship, Oct. 2011-June 2012

University of Chicago Divinity School Doctoral Fellowship, Sept. 2007-June 2011