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EDUCATION

- PhD The Catholic University of America, Spirituality
The Spiritual Practice of Ritually Enacted Narrative: Expanding Pilgram Marpeck's Understanding of Action in the Lord's Supper
Examination Fields: Liturgical Studies, Spirituality, Theology
- MDiv Eastern Mennonite Seminary, focus in Spiritual Formation, Worship, Leadership
Teaching Assistant, Formation in Personhood; Tutor, Introduction to Greek
- BA Goshen College, Social Work

EXPERIENCE

TEACHING

Director of the Doctor of Ministry and Associate Professor of Spirituality and Christian Ministry, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, Georgia. 2022-current.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spiritual Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacred Listening in Tumultuous Times
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Faculty and Curriculum Designer, Gateways to God, Tending the Soul, Art of Holy Listening, Deep Listening in the Neighborhood, through Center for Sacred Space, New England United Methodist Conference, and Upper New York United Methodist Conference. 2016-current.

Director of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology and The Center for Deacon Education, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, North Carolina. 2019-2022.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christian Worship• Master's Praxis: Proclamation and Preaching• Spiritual Formation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spiritual Direction/Companioning• Teaching for Biblical Faith• Ministries with Youth• Capstone• Praxis of Holistic Evangelism
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Director of Neighborhood Seminary and Adjunct Professor, The Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. 2017-2019.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Worship • Ritual Studies: Directed Readings and Research (Th.D.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Formation: Christian Practice (series of six courses)
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Assistant Professor of Christian Worship, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (SMU), Dallas, Texas. 2011-2017.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font, Table, Mission (developed as new course) • Engaging the Missional Imagination: Worship and Preaching for a Missional Church • Introduction to Christian Worship (redesigned) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary Patterns of Christian Worship (redesigned) • Spirituality and Mission • Christian Spirituality (redesigned) • Spiritual Formation • Directed Studies in Peace Theology and Sacramental Theology
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Assistant Professor of Spiritual Formation and Ministry. Bible and Religion Department and Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), Harrisonburg, Virginia, 1999–2011 (part time – 8 courses per year).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to Spiritual Guidance ▪ Spiritual Direction Seminary I and II ▪ Spiritual Formation in the Congregation ▪ Formation in Personhood ▪ Formation in Ministry ▪ Christian Tradition I and II/Faith Tradition I and II ▪ Practice of Christian Worship ▪ Formed and Transformed in Christ through Worship (developed as new course) ▪ Spiritual Formation (developed as new course) ▪ Church Leadership (emphasis on preaching and worship) ▪ The Congregation and Its Ministries ▪ Youth Ministry in the Congregation ▪ Directed Studies in Advanced Study of Christian Spirituality and Faith Development in Youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Healing Within Worship (developed as new course) ▪ Worship Arts and the Pathways of the Soul (developed as new course) ▪ Spirituality of the Lord’s Supper (developed as new course) ▪ Worship and Spiritual Development (developed as new course) ▪ Worship Arts ▪ Spiritual Disciplines in Life and Practice ▪ Congregation and Youth Ministry Practicum ▪ Ethics in the Way of Jesus ▪ Youth Ministry Practicum ▪ Introduction to Bible Faith and Christian Heritage
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LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

- Director of Doctor of Ministry, McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University, Atlanta, GA. 2022-current.
- Director of Master in Practical Theology and The Center for Deacon Education, Pfeiffer University, Charlotte, NC. 2019-2022.
- Director of Neighborhood Seminary, Duke Divinity School, Duke University, Durham, NC; founding partner of non-profit Neighborhood Seminary. 2017-2019.
- Managing Director, Scholar-in-Residence, and Leader, Missional Wisdom Foundation. Dallas, TX. May 2016-2017. Directing Anam Cara training program in Missional Spiritual Direction.
- Worship and Liturgical Evaluation Team. Mennonite Church USA and Canada. Developing new Hymnal Worship Book. April 2016-2020.
- Teaching Missional Worship and Spirituality. First Presbyterian Church, Fort Smith Arkansas. Fall 2016.
- Administration Training. Chosen through nomination. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. Academic Year 2014-15.
- Curriculum Designer and Teacher. Spirituality and Business Initiative for business executives. Perkins School of Theology and Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University. August 2012-2014.
- Consultant and speaker for *Tending the Soul of the Church*. Mennonite Church, Canada. October, 2011.
- Consultant for worship commission leaders and preaching. Big Spring Mennonite Church, Bergton, VA. January 2011.
- Consultant. Bloomingdale Church. Ontario, Canada. 2010-2012.
One-on-one conferring with pastor, engaging congregational conflict through gathered worship
- Consultant/ Advisor. Glade United Church of Christ. Blacksburg, Virginia. 2010.
Served as a senior consultant, advisor, and instructor for a mediator working with a congregation in crisis.
- Consultant and retreat leader. Glade Mennonite Church. Glade, Maryland 2008 and 2009.
Conferred with pastor, met with visioning team and elder team, congregational retreat and speaking. 2008 and 2009.
- Retreat leader. Community Fellowship, Halifax, Pennsylvania. 2008.
Planned, implemented, and led worship. Faculty conference, *Creation, Christ and the Classroom*, EMU. 2008.
- Consultant for worship team training. Ridgeway Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia. 2007.
- Retreat leader. Big Spring Mennonite Church, Bergton, Virginia. 2007.
- Consultant and chair of worship committee for Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) Convention. San Jose, California. 2006-07.
Led worship committee, trained worship leaders (adult/youth), finalized and oriented speakers; teamed with musicians, a/v persons, video/film crew, worship leaders, drama group, stage managers, prayer leaders, artists, convention leaders.
- Planned and led worship. Annual School for Leadership Training. EMS. 2001-07.
- Planned worship sessions. MC USA/Canada Youth Convention. 2004-05.
- Planned, crafted, and led worship. Committee member. Believers Church Conference; *God, Democracy, and U.S. Power*. EMU and Bridgewater College. 2004

SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

Lead supervisor of spiritual direction supervisors for spiritual formation programs. Center for Sacred Space, Upper New York United Methodist Conference, and New England United Methodist Conference. 2018-current.

Supervision of practicum in Introduction to Christian Worship. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. 2011-2017.

Assisting in Supervision for Master's in Sacred Music Internship. 2012-13.
Supervision of home-based practicum in Worship, Spiritual Direction and Congregational Leadership. Summer Institute for Spiritual Formation, EMS. 2002-2011.
Supervisor for teaching assistants in courses of Worship, Spiritual Formation, Church Leadership, Youth Ministry in the Congregation, and Faith and Christian Heritage, EMU. 2000-2011.

Spiritual Director. Registered and in good standing within the Mennonite Church since 1996. Supervision of Spiritual Formation group leaders. Recruited and equipped advanced Spiritual Direction students from EMS for small group leadership at EMU. 2003-2011.

Recruited and equipped promising students for worship leadership and development for the Believers Church Conference, Augsburg Celebration, Youth Ministry Council, MC USA Conventions, Retreats for Virginia Mennonite Conference, and Ecumenical Conference. 2000-2011.

Internship director. Ministry Inquiry Program, Bible and Religion Department, EMU.

Placement and supervision for students exploring ministry. 2001-2011.

Supervisor of Congregation and Youth Ministry internship, EMU. 2001-2011

Supervision and instruction. School for Christian Spiritual Formation, Virginia Mennonite Conference. Directed retreats, trained spiritual directors, served in mutual consultation with instructors throughout Virginia and North Carolina. Provided course instruction for those seeking seminary credit. 1998-2000.

Supervisor of pastoral interns. Immanuel Mennonite Church. 1997-1998.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, CREATIVE WORK

Ritual of Sacred Relationship with a Donor Body: A Reverent Gift of Knowledge. Ritual written and led for Anatomy and Dissection class, Physician Assistant Program, Pfeiffer University. Albemarle, NC. March 2021.

Voices Together. Hymnal. Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Menno Media, Harrisonburg, 2020. Central Practices Committee and Writer. (peer reviewed).

Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition. Menno Media, Harrisonburg, 2020. Central Practices Writer (peer reviewed).

Lead Curriculum Writer, Editor, and Keynote Presenter. *Tending the Soul*. Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church Presentations (2019-2021).

Learning to Listen to the Stories of Others

Imago Dei: Created in the Image and Abundance of God

Missio Dei: Listening to God's Story in the Neighborhood

Lead Curriculum Writer, Editor, and Keynote Presenter. *Gateways to God and Advanced Gateways to God*. New England Conference of the United Methodist Church. Presentations (2019-2021):

The House of Fear: Tight Spaces and Broken Windows in the Neighborhood

For Such a Time as This: Discerning How God Calls People into the World
For Such a Time as This: God's Agency Joining with Our Agency
Mimetic Seeing with God: Mimesis and Missional Discernment
Re-Membering with God
Going to the Table: Encountering the Body in the Neighborhood
Painful and Anxious Places: Passages of Dark Night
Delighting in the Dark: Discerning the Dark Night of the Soul
Discerning in the Unknown: Soul Care in the Dark Night
Betrayal and Restoration: God's Extravagant Table of Grace
Embodied Worship: Worship as World-Making (currently writing).

"Jesus and the Bleeding Woman: Transforming the Community Story." In, *What Kind of God? Reading the Bible with a Missional Church*. Eugene: Cascade Books, 2018.

"Worship as Resistance: The Vital Witness of Marginalized Communities to an Increasingly Marginalized Church." Paper and presentation at North American Academy of Liturgy. January 2016.

"A Pacifist and a Realist Walk into a Bar: How Can Christians Talk With Each Other?" Presentation at Perkins School for the Laity. Anchorage, Alaska. September 2015.

"Transforming Bodies: Reclaiming Worship that Matters." Presentation at Perkins School for the Laity. Anchorage, Alaska. September 2015.

"Evoking, Enacting, and Embodying: Returning to the Body in Worship." Paper and presentation at North American Academy of Liturgy. January 2015.

"Engaging Context in the Worshiping Body: Shifting from Performance to Performative" Popular Performance Cultures and Christian Worship in the Eighteenth Century and Beyond Conference, Perkins School of Theology, February 2014.

"And God Saw that It Was Very Good: Towards a Theology of Good Worship" academic essay for *Liturgy: The Journal of the Liturgical Conference*. Taylor & Francis. January 2014 (peer reviewed).

"*Becoming God's Gesture to the World: Worshiping with Our Bodies.*" Paper and presentation at North American Academy of Liturgy. January 2013.

Editorial Board. *Doxology: A Journal of Worship*. 2012.

"Called to Worship." *Leader*. Spring 2012.

"Practicing Rituals and Rites of Passages with Youth." In *Youth Ministry at a Crossroads*. Herald Press. 2011.

The Spiritual Practice of Ritually Enacted Narrative: Expanding Pilgram Marpeck's Understanding of Action in the Lord's Supper. Dissertation. The Catholic University of America. 2011.

"*Worship and the Gathered Body in the Lord's Supper After Marpeck.*" Keynote address for Anabaptist Convictions After Marpeck Conference. Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. 2009.

"*Worship as Action.*" Plenary forum for Spiritual Life Week at Bluffton University. 2007.

Worship arts and biblical storyteller for MC USA Convention. San Jose, California. 2007.

Director and author of dramas for MC USA Convention. Charlotte, North Carolina. 2005.
Dramas sold by MC USA, Office of Convention Planning.

Risking (based on Acts 4:13-18), *Petitioning* (based on Acts 4:13-18),
Remembering (based on Acts 3 and 4).

“Drinking from the Well of the Liturgy: Confessions of an Anabaptist and The Great Story.”
Presented, created and led feature worship gatherings and workshops at Worship, Art, Liturgy and Preaching Conference, Emergent. Asbury Theological Seminary. Wilmore, Kentucky. 2005.

PASTORAL/CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Trained worship leaders and teams. Winter and Spring, 2009–2010.

Sunday school teacher: *Healing Within the Scriptures*. Summer, 2008.

Co-chair worship task force. *Developing a Covenant of Worship*, curriculum design and writing. 2006–08.

Sermon, *What Kind of Hosanna Are We Singing?* 2006.

Chair of worship commission. 2004–06.

Immanuel Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Pastoral team member / elder. 1996, 1999–2001.

Associate pastor. Responsible for pastoral care, administration, retreats, racial reconciliation, preaching, worship, missional engagement, and spiritual direction. 1997–8.

Worship team. Responsible for planning, leading and implementing gathered worship. 1995–97.

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (SINCE 2007)

Keynote Speaker and Retreat Leader. *“Tenacity and Hope: Tending Faith in the Unknown.”*
Providence Baptist Church Retreat. Montreat, NC. October 2021.

Keynote Speaker. *“What Inscription Will You Write with Your Life?”* Commencement Address, Graduate School and Professional Advancement, Pfeiffer University. August 2021.

Featured Speaker. *“Where We are Going: Spiritual Sustenance for the Journey Ahead.”*
Chaos or Community Series. National Council of Churches, Washington D.C. January 2021 (online).

Featured Speaker. *“Trauma and Spiritual Companionship with Survivors of Sexual Abuse.”*
Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. April 2021.

Lecturer. Stress and Disease (Part I & Part II). Behavioral Medicine course. Physician Assistant Program, Pfeiffer University, Albemarle, NC. March 2021.

Featured Speaker. Mindfulness and Meditation. Physician Assistant Class at Pfeiffer University. January 2020, January 2021, January 2022.

Featured Speaker. *“Understanding Privilege and Taking Responsibility: Becoming a Part of the Healing Process.”* Racial Equity Series for the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Charlotte, North Carolina, August 2020.

Featured Speaker. *“Faith in Action: Racism, Trauma, and Spiritual Formation.”* United Methodist General Board of Church and Society and Grace United Methodist Church, Washington D.C. June 2020 (online).

Panelist. *“Faith in Action: Understanding Systemic Racism & Advocacy.”* United Methodist Board of Church and Society and Grace United Methodist Church, Washington D.C. May 2020 (online).

Sermons. Boger’s Chapel United Methodist Church. Concord, North Carolina.

Wounds and Wonders. July 2021

God’s Spirit Poured Out in Unlikely Places. May 2021

Joining God’s Spirit: Giving Breath. May 2020

If Only You Were Here. March 2020

Sermon. Moving from Taking Breath to Giving Breath. St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. Charlotte, North Carolina. May 2020.

Featured Speaker. Communing at the Border: How Can the Church Lead in a Time of Division? Intersections Chapel at Pfeiffer University. February 2020.

Sermon. Thirsting With our Neighbors. Hampden Highlands United Methodist Church. Hampden, Maine. March 2019.

Sermon. Of Basins and Bells. Yarmouth Campground Association. Yarmouth, Massachusetts. July 2017.

Featured Speaker. Values-Based Leadership. Presentation for JC Penney Executive Leaders. Frisco, Texas. July, 2015.

Sermon. Enfleshed. National Academy of Preachers. Dallas, Texas. January 2015.

Speaker with Mike Ullman, CEO, JCPenney. Leading from the Heart: Values-Based Leadership. Cox School of Business, SMU, Dallas Texas. June, 2014.

Featured Speaker. Encountering Jesus: Table Revolution. Ontario, Canada. February 2014.

Lecture. The Best Advent/Christmas Services You Ever/Never Planned. Labor Pains: Preparing for Advent and Christmas. Workshop offered by Preaching and Worship Faculty of Perkins School of Theology, SMU. September 2013.

Lecture. Rediscovering the Mystery: Pointing to Christ in Worship. Minister's Week, Hope for a Restless Church: Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Leaders. Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas. 2013.

Homily. *From Darkness to Light*. Perkins School of Theology and Meadows School of the Arts Christmas Service. 2012.

Speaker. *The Role of Faith in Business*. Faith & Business Luncheon. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. 2012.

Speaker. *Becoming God's Gesture in the World: Worship in the Congregation and Beyond*. Mentor Pastor Colloquy. Perkins School of Theology, SMU. 2012.

Sermon. *Wandering in the Wilderness and Meeting Jesus*. Glade Mennonite Church, Accident, Maryland. 2009.

Sermon. *The Spirit of God Poured Out Upon Us*. Ridgeway Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia. 2009.

Sermon. *The Cup of Suffering and the Bread of Revelation*. Community Mennonite Fellowship, Camp Hebron, Halifax, Pennsylvania. 2008.

Sermon. *Crossing Over Jordan as Beloved People of God*. Glade Mennonite Church. Accident, Maryland. 2008.

Sermon. *Releasing into God's Care*. Ordination for Rachel S. Gerber. First Mennonite Church, Denver, Colorado. 2008.

Homily. *A Spring Rising Up*. Licensing for Mary Jo Bowman. Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Virginia. 2007.

Speaking/resourcing. *Sexual Ethics*. Northern District Meeting, Virginia Mennonite Conference, Trissels Mennonite Church, Broadway, Virginia. 2007.

Spiritual Life Week. Keynote speaker. Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio. 2007.

M E M B E R S H I P S

North American Academy of Liturgy

Society of Christian Spirituality

Spiritual Directors International

Member, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, VA

Associate Member, Bethpage United Methodist Church, NC

Mennonite Spiritual Directors

Licensed minister since 1997, Virginia Mennonite Conference

A W A R D S / H O N O R S

Perkins Scholarly Outreach Award, Southern Methodist University

John Quasten Scholarship, The Catholic University of America

Biblical Interpretation Award, Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Communication Scholarship, Goshen College