

SUMMARY

- Carl and Erna Weinrich Chair in New Testament & Early Church Studies
- Director of Deaconess Studies: Education, Administration, Supervision, Development & Placement
- Tenured Associate Professor of Historical Theology: Emphasis in Patristics Theology
- Experienced Pastor: Over 25 years' ordained service, 12 years as Parish Pastor

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Director of Deaconess Studies

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 2011-Present

Development and oversight of both traditional and online deaconess programs including curriculum, administrative procedures, staff, students, and placement. Established a new integrated format utilizing online classes while also maintaining the traditional program. Extensive work with placement of interns and candidates. Build and maintain district and church relationships to educate and promote the office of deaconess. Counsel students and provide guidance.

Tenured Associate Professor, Historical Theology

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 2006-Present

Over 13 years teaching experience in historical, patristics, exegetical, pastoral, deaconess, online, seminar, and integrated courses. Instruct postgraduate, deaconess, and online students. Advise and counsel students. Presenter at theological conferences: Symposia, Good Shepherd Institute, and Lutheranism and the Classics. Teach continuing education courses, speak at district events, and present on-site at conferences as requested.

Instructor Continuing Ed, Christ & Phoebe Academies

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN 2006-Present

Teach intensives to prospective students including high school, college, and postgraduates. Courses include: Theology of Martyrdom, Early Christian Homilies, The Gospel as Conflict in the Passions, Baptism in the Early Church. Provide guidance, support, and encouragement for students considering seminary education.

COURSES TAUGHT

Patristic Theology

History I: The Ecumenical Councils
Theology of Greek/Latin Fathers
Irenaeus of Lyons
Reading Scripture with the Fathers
Cappodocian Fathers

Deaconess Studies

History of Office of Deaconess
Theology of Mercy
Theology of Diakonal Care
Theologia: Means of Grace

Online Courses

Baptism: Life in Christ
Care & Mercy
Office of Deaconess

PUBLISHED WORK

“The Early Christian Appropriation of Old Testament Scripture: The Canonical Reading of Scripture in 1 Clement.” *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, vol. 83 (2019), pp. 63-83.

“Catechetical Series: The First Article.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources* Volume 29 part 3 June 16-September 15, 2019 Series C, p 50-54.

“A New End Gives New Hope.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, Volume 28, part 4, series B (September 2018): p 22-24.

“The Arranged Marriage.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, Volume 28, part 4, series B (September 2018): p 24-27.

“Formed in Christ by Primary Texts.” *For the Life of the World*, vol. 22, no. 2 (June 2018): 4-6.

“The Catholic Paul: Allegory and Perspicuity in Irenaeus’s Reading of Scripture.” *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, vol. 82 (2018), pp.105-125.

“For All the Faithful Women.” *The Lutheran Witness*, Sept. 2016.

Irenaeus of Lyons and the Mosaic of Christ: Preaching Scripture in the Era of Martyrdom. London: Routledge, 2017.

“Ignatius of Antioch’s Letter to the Roman: The Passionate Confession of Christian Identity.” *Logia XXIV*, no. 2 (Easter, 2015): 13-18.

“The Passionate Preaching of John Chrysostom: The Spirit and the Formation of Humanity in His *Homilies on Genesis*.” *Holy Spirit: An Unfinished Agenda*. Edited by Johnson Lim Teng Kok. Singapore: Word N Works, 2015.

“Woman in the Image of God: Exploring Gregory Nazianzen’s Reference to Eve in His Confession of the Holy Spirit.” *The Restoration of Creation in Christ: Essays in Honor of Dean O. Wenthe*. Edited by Arthur A. Just & Paul J. Grime. St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2014, pp. 261-298.

“Deaconesses and the Economy of Love.” *Pilgrimage*. Vol. 15, no. 2 (Summer 2012), pp. 3-4.

“Beholding with Unveiled Faces: Marriage and the Revelation of True Personhood.” *The Good Shepherd Institute: Journal for the Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Conferences*. Edited by Daniel Zager. Fort Wayne, IN: Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 2012, pp. 97-120.

“The Patristic Rhetoric of Death: Preaching the Death that Conquers Death.” *The Good Shepherd Institute: Journal for the Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Conferences*. Edited by Daniel Zager. Fort Wayne, IN: Concordia Theological Seminary Press, 2012, pp. 25-34.

“The Ministry of Life.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, vol. 22, part 2, series B (2012): 40-42.

“An Unexpected Salvation.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, vol. 22, part 1, series B (2012): 34-36.

“You are Witnesses: Confessing Christ Crucified with the Early Christians.” *For the Life of the World*, vol. 15, no. 1 (March 2011): pp. 4-6.

“Patristic Exegesis: Reading Scripture in the Eucharistic Gathering.” *Concordia Theological Quarterly*, vol. 74 (2010), pp. 195-208.

“Until Death Unites Us.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, vol. 18, part 3, series A (2008): 22-24.

“Invincible Weakness.” *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, vol. 18, part 3, series A (2008): 20-21.

“I Am a Christian.” *For the Life of the World*, vol. 11, no. 1 (January 2007): 4-5.

“St. Michael & All Angels: Pride Goeth before the Fall.” *Gottesdienst*, vol. 7, no. 3 (1999): 3-4.

“Worship: The Activity of the Trinity.” *Logia III*, no. 3 (July 1994): 3-12.

CHURCH OUTREACH & SERVICE

LCMS Commission on Theology & Church Relations (CTCR) Representative *Fort Wayne, IN 2016-Present*

Elected by the faculty of CTSFW to serve as a representative to the commission. The committee drafts and provides study documents, opinions, and statements on theological issues and church relations.

Expert Contributor: Issues, etc. Radio Broadcast *Fort Wayne, IN 2011-Present*

Present topics and provide expertise on early church history for radio broadcast. Discuss with show's host the history and significance of important figures in an interview format during a half hour segment.

Preacher, Kantorei *Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN*

Preached and conducted liturgy for Kantorei tours. Participated in April 2019 Easter Tour, April 2011 Easter Tour, and January 2006 Epiphany Tour.

Catechist *St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, IN 2011, 2013 & 2019*

Instructed new member classes in the basics of the Christian faith. Prepared them for membership in the church and admission to the Lord's Supper.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Cupertino, CA	Oct 19-21, 2018
Christ Academy College, <i>Nicene Creed</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Oct 27, 2018
Luther Hostel, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Nov 1, 2018
College Retreat, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Muncie, IN	Nov 5, 2018
Phoebe Academy, <i>Male & Female in the Image of God</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	June 18-20, 2019
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Grand Rapids, MI	June 24-28, 2019
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Pensacola, FL	August 6-8, 2019
Ichtheology Retreat, <i>Theology of Nicene Creed</i> , Shawano, WI	Oct 1-4, 2017
Theological Symposia, <i>1 Clement</i> , Ft. Wayne, IN	January 17, 2018
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Denver, CO	April 7, 2018
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Gorham, ME	June 23, 2018
Christ Academy, <i>Early Church Fathers</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	June 25-28, 2018
Men's Retreat, <i>Theology of the Nicene Creed</i> , Wheaton, IL	Feb 5, 2016
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of the Nicene Creed</i> , Wichita, KS	Oct 30, 2016
Phoebe Academy, <i>Theology of Mercy</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	June 19-21, 2017
Continuing Education, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Peoria, IL	June 6-8, 2017
Advent Workshop, <i>Signs of the Cross in the Scriptures</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Nov 7, 2016
Phoebe Academy College, <i>Deaconess Vocation</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Oct 21, 2016
Good Shepherd Seminar, <i>Resonance between the Pre-Christian and Post Christian Worlds</i> , Vienna, VA	May 7-8, 2016
Men's Retreat, <i>Theology of the Nicene Creed</i> , Wheaton, IL	Feb 5-6, 2016
Lenten Preaching Workshop, <i>Signs of the Holy Cross</i> , Mitchell, SD	Jan 3-5, 2016
Continuing Education, <i>The 2nd Century Church as Model for the 21st Century</i> , Grass Valley, CA	Aug 10-14, 2015
Phoebe Academy, <i>Theology of Mercy in Luke's Gospel</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	July 9-10, 2015
Continuing Education, <i>Heresies Old and New</i> , Knowles, OK	June 8-10, 2015

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Pastoral Education, <i>History of the Nicene Creed</i> , Shinyanga, Tanzania	Feb 27-Mar 6, 2015
Northern Illinois Pastors Conference, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Starved Rock State Park, IL	Sept 22-24, 2014
Nebraska District Pastor's Conference, <i>Preaching in a Pagan World</i> , Kearney, NE	Mar 31-Apr 1, 2014
Advent Preaching Workshop, <i>Making the Tree Good</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Nov 5, 2013
Deaconess Symposium, <i>Woman in the Image of God</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	May 15, 2013
O AFC Gathering, <i>The Early Christian View of Witnessing</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Dec 31, 2012
Puget Sound Pastors' Conference, <i>Preaching in the Early Church</i> , Seattle, WA	Oct 2-4, 2012
Lutheranism & the Classics, <i>Irenaeus' Creatio Ex Nihilo</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Sept 29, 2012
Good Shepherd Institute, <i>Beholding with Unveiled Faces:</i> <i>Marriage and the Revelation of True Personhood</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Nov 7, 2011
Luther Academy, <i>The Early Christian View of Marriage</i> , Charlotte, NC	Oct 29, 2011
Decatur Bible Institute, <i>Martyrdom Accounts</i> , Decatur, IN	Feb-Mar 2011
Conference Presentation, <i>Pre-Lenten Study: Presentation</i> <i>of the Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Charlotte, NC	Jan 28-31, 2011
Ball State Campus Retreat, <i>Theology of Martyrdom</i> , Muncie, IN	Nov 13, 2010
Northern Iowa University Fall Campus Retreat, <i>Theology of</i> <i>Martyrdom</i> , Cedar Falls, IA	Nov 5-7, 2010
CTS Good Shepherd Institute, <i>The Rhetoric of Death:</i> <i>Preaching the Death that Conquers Death</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Nov 7-9, 2010
Christ on Campus Staff Conference, <i>Christian Identity in a Pagan World:</i> <i>Spiritual Wisdom from Early Christian Struggles</i> , Mt. Pleasant, MI	June 15-17, 2010
Lafayette-Kokomo Joint Winkel Conference, <i>Gnosticism: Past and Present</i> , Logansport, IN	Apr 20, 2010
CTS Annual Theological Symposia, <i>Patristic Exegesis: Reading Scripture</i> <i>in the Eucharistic Gathering</i> , Fort Wayne, IN	Jan 20, 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Durham, Durham, United Kingdom, July 2010
Supervisor: Dr. Carol Harrison, Thesis: *Joining the End to the Beginning:
Divine Providence and the Interpretation of Scripture in the Teaching of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.*

S.T.M., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 1998
Selected as Graduate Assistant to the Systematics Department
GPA: 3.9; Major: Systematics, Minor: Pastoral Thesis: *The Flesh of Christ and the Economy of
Salvation in the Teaching of St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.*

M.Div., Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, May 1993
GPA: 3.8; Major: Systematics, Minor: Exegetical

B.A., Taylor University, Upland, Indiana, May 1989
Cum Laude; Major: Biblical Literature

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE

Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church & St. Peter Immanuel Luth. School, Decatur, Indiana, 1999-2006.
Duties Included: Teaching, Preaching, Counseling, and Pastoral Care for 400 member church. Shared pastoral responsibilities for 100 students grades K-8 at joint Lutheran school. Led daily devotions and weekly chapel services for student body. Taught confirmation class for students in grades 7-8. Pastoral representative for board of education.

Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Goodland, Indiana, 1994-1999
Main Duties: Teaching, Preaching, and Pastoral Care, for 200 members.
Developed and taught Adult Bible Class Series. Wrote and taught *Praying the Catechism* while initiating four-year catechism program and adult catechism program. Initiated VBS for children of the church and community. Established Altar Guild.

MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

North American Patristic Society Member
Ordained Pastor, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since 1994
St. Paul's Lutheran School--School Board, Vice President 2010-2012
Taylor University Athletic Hall of Fame, Men's Basketball All-time leading scorer
Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Silver Anniversary Team