

CURRICULUM VITAE

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**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

- 1992 **Ph.D** (Historical Theology) University of St. Michael's College, at the Toronto School of Theology  
*Dissertation: "The Significance of Luther's Theology of the Cross for Contemporary Political and Contextual Theologies." (Dr. Harry McSorley, Director)*
- 1984 **M.Div.** Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1980 **B.A.** with distinction, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta  
*Major: Classics (historical) and Psychology*

**TEACHING AREAS**

Theology of Luther	Ecumenical Theology	16 <sup>th</sup> Century Christian Thinkers
Lutheran Confessions	Medieval Church History	History of the Churches in Canada
Reformation History	Lutheran Hermeneutics	Systematic Theology
Modern Church History	16 <sup>th</sup> Century Catechisms	16 <sup>th</sup> C. Sacramental Controversies

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- 2006- Society for Reformation Studies  
2005- International Luther Congress Society  
2005- Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Group, University of Saskatchewan  
2003- Sixteenth Century Studies Society  
1991- The American Academy of Religion

**EDUCATIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- 2010 - (May 5) Recipient of the William Hordern Chair in Theology
- 2008 - (July 1) Professor of Reformation History and Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- 2008 - Associate Member, Department of Religion and Culture, University of Saskatchewan.
- 2006 - Dean of Studies, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon

- 2006- Adjunct Faculty, Departments of History and Religious Studies, University of Saskatchewan
- 2005- 2008 (January 1) Associate Professor of Reformation History and Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- 2001-2005 Assistant Professor of Reformation History and Theology, Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon. Granted tenure July 1, 2004
- 1993-2001 Sessional Lecturer in Religious Studies, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta
- 1991-1992 Teaching Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto
- 1989-1992 Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. J. Kloppenborg, Professor of New Testament, and Dr. H. McSorley, Professor of Theology, the University of St. Michael's College

### **HONOURS AND AWARDS (HIGHLIGHTS)**

- 2009 Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland Stipendium, for three months of study in Wittenberg, Germany, September- November
- 1992 Governor General of Canada Gold Medal Award of Excellence for Highest Academic Achievement in Graduate Studies at the University of St. Michael's College, Toronto
- Winner of the Canadian Theological Society Graduate Student Essay Contest. Presented the paper, "Luther and the Peasants' Revolt: The Theology of the Cross and Revolution," June 8
- 1990 Hordern Scholarship, Lutheran Theological Seminary (Saskatoon) for Graduate Studies
- 1984 Alumni Scholarship, Lutheran Theological Seminary (Saskatoon) for Highest Marks in Graduating Class
- Scribner Scholarship, Lutheran Theological Seminary (Saskatoon) for Academic Excellence combined with Promise for Parish Ministry
- 1981 Leeseberg Scholarship, Lutheran Theological Seminary (Saskatoon) for Academic Excellence combined with Promise for Parish Ministry
- 1978 Leadership Scholarship, Camrose Lutheran College (Camrose, Alberta)
- 1977 Academic Award, Camrose Lutheran College (Camrose, Alberta)

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (HIGHLIGHTS)**

- 2010 "Hordern: Living by Grace. The Impact of William Hordern's Theology." Inaugural Lecture for the William Hordern Chair in Theology. Presented at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Study Conference, May 4-6
- "Guiding the Preacher: Luther's Translation of Romans 3 as a Commentary for Preachers." Presented at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Study Conference, May 4-6

- “The Gospel: Luther’s Linchpin for Catholicity,” Presented at the Society for Reformation Studies Conference, Cambridge, England, April 7-9
- 2009 “Shaping Piety through Catechetical Structures: The Importance of Order,” Presented at the Society for Reformation Studies Conference, Cambridge, England, April 1-3
- 2008 “Luther’s Catechisms: The Bible for Laity,” Keynote Speaker. Four Sessions. Alberta Synod Pastoral Lay Assistants Training Event, Edmonton. March 28-29
- 2007 “The Theology of the Cross in Luther’s Catechisms.” Presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> International Luther Congress, Porto Alegre/Canoas, Brazil, July 22-28
- “Luther’s Embedded Commentary in the Text of the German Translation of Romans 3.” Presented at the Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Group International 16<sup>th</sup> Century Commentaries Conference, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, May 23-25
- “The Wittenberg Concord of 1536: Luther’s Irenic Overture - temporary lapse or necessity?” Presented at the Society for Reformation Studies Conference, Cambridge, England. April 11-13
- “The Life and Times of Martin Luther.” Keynote Speaker. Three sessions. Saskatchewan Synod Congregational Lay Assistants Program, Saskatoon. March 30-31
- 2006 “The History of Lutheranism from the Reformation to the Present.” Keynote Speaker. Three sessions. Lay Pastoral Assistants Training Event, Calgary, AB. Oct. 13-14
- 2006 “Is the Doctrine of Justification a Meta Doctrine in Lutheran Thinking?” Association of Teaching Theologians of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Gustavus Augustus College, Minnesota, August 11-13
- “Recovering the Catechisms for the Teaching of the Faith.” Four Sessions. Keynote Speaker for the Annual Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic Clergy of the Okanagan. May 14-16
- 2005 “The Development of the Lord’s Prayer in Luther’s Prayer Books.” Keynote Speaker for a week-long seminar (5 Sessions) at Sylvan Lake, AB. July 17-22
- “The Lutheran Reformation.” Keynote Speaker. Three sessions. Lay Pastoral Leadership Training Event, Edmonton, AB. May 27-28
- 2004 “The Priesthood of All Believers. Living the Theory.” Keynote Speaker for three sessions, MNO Synod Convention, Selkirk, MB. April 29- May 2, 2004
- “Living in the Light and the Shadow of the Cross.” Three session presentation as theologian in residence, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Surrey, BC. February 21, 2004
- 2003 Interviewed on CBC Radio Public Forum. “Has Christmas Become Too Commercialized?” Served on a panel of three to discuss this at the Francis Morrison Library, Saskatoon. December 5, 2003

- “Whatever: A Stewardship of the Incredible in a World of Indifference.” Keynote speaker, two sessions, British Columbia Synod Stewardship Event, Trinity Western University, May 22-23, 2003
- 2002 “Living the Theology of the Cross.” Presented at the Northern Conference Convention, Synod of Alberta and the Territories of the ELCIC, Edmonton, Alberta, October 20, 2002
- 2001 “Methodology of Mission.” Invited presentation at the Lutheran World Federation Mission Encounter, Berlin, Germany. March 21, 2001
- “The Roots and Teachings of the Reformation.” Weekend presentations to the Ecumenical Centre Fall Study Conference of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, October 26-27, 2001
- 2000 “The Theology of the Cross and Diaconal Ministry.” Week-long presentation at the Diaconal Ministry Training program of the ELCIC, held in Calgary in August 21-25, 2000
- 1998 “Mission and Contemporary Theologies.” Invited presentation at the LWF Global Mission Consultation, Nairobi, Kenya. October 27, 1998.
- 1997 “Crossroads Towards 2000: The Church at the Beginning of a New Millennium.” Presented at the Synod of Alberta and the Territories Study Conference, ELCIC. Canmore, Alberta. February 5, 1997
- 1995 “Daring to Be Lutheran: Living the Theology of the Cross.” Presented at the East-Central Conference Convention, Synod of Alberta and the Territories, November 25, 1995
- 1994 “Luther's Theology of the Cross and Liberation Theology.” I developed and taught this two week, 70 hour Continuing Education course in Bogota, Colombia, for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia. Sponsored by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Division for World Mission. June, 1994
- 1992 “Luther and the Peasants’ Revolt: The Theology of the Cross and Revolution.” Presented at the Canadian Theological Society Annual Meeting, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. June 8, 1992. Winner of the Canadian Theological Society Graduate Student Essay Contest
- 1990 “Douglas John Hall's use of Luther's *theologia crucis*.” Presented at the Canadian Theological Society Annual Meeting in Victoria, British Columbia. May 21, 1990

## **OTHER SIGNIFICANT INVOLVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

- 2003-2009 Lutheran Observer on the Anglican Church of Canada/United Church of Canada Dialogues
- 2003-2005 Member, Board of Regents, Augustana University College, Camrose, Alberta. Vice-Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee
- 2003 Advisor for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada delegates at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Winnipeg, MB. July 21-31, 2003

- 2000-2004 Member of the ad hoc committee for the Lutheran World Federation Department for Mission and Development. One of five people responsible for writing the policy document *Mission in Context: Transformation, Reconciliation, Empowerment* (Geneva: LWF, 2005)
- 1997-2004 Member of the National Church Council, ELCIC. Member of the Finance Committee, Chair of the Committee on Ecumenism
- 1994-2001 Board Member, The Bethany Group (ELCIC social agency providing homecare, respite care, long-term care and other services). Chair of the Board, 1997-2001, Finance Committee Chair, 1994-1997
- 1995-1997 Co-Chairperson, Future Directions Task Force on Mission, ELCIC. This committee explored the social, economic, political and historical context, and developed priorities, goals and strategies for the ELCIC for the next decade
- 1984 Advisor for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada delegates at the Pre-Assembly Youth Gathering and the Seventh Lutheran World Federation Assembly, Budapest, Hungary (July 12-August 5)

## **PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)**

- (Forthcoming) "Hordern: Living by Grace," in *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*. Refereed
- (Forthcoming) "Luther's Embedded Commentary in the Text of the German Translation of Romans 3." in *Erasmus Studies*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press. Refereed
- 2010 "Is the Doctrine of Justification a Meta-Doctrine in Lutheran Thinking?" in *Lutherans and Theological Method: Perennial Questions and Contemporary Challenges*. David C. Ratke, ed., (Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2010), 27-41. Refereed.
- 2008 "Shaping Piety through Catechetical Structures: The Importance of Order," in *Reformation and Renaissance Review*, 10 no. 2 (2009), 223-46. Refereed
- 2007 "Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross and Dalit Theology," in *Mission with the Marginalized*, edited by Samuel W. Meschack (Tiruvalla, India: Christava Sahitya Samithi, 2007), pages 238-59. Invited
- 2006 *Walking Together in Christ*. Winnipeg: Evangelical Lutheran Women, Inc., 2006. Nine Session Bible Study on Ecumenism for the Women of the ELCIC. Reviewed. 41 pages. Refereed
- 2006 *Walking Together in Christ: Leader's Guide*. (Winnipeg: Evangelical Lutheran Women, Inc., 2006). Reviewed. 48 pages. Refereed
- 2005 "Envisioning Theological Education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada." *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*. 30 no. 2 (Fall, 2005), 55-76. Refereed

- 2003 "The Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification: A Healing Document?" *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*. 29 no. 3 (Fall, 2003), 63-83. Refereed
- 1999 (co-wrote with Judy Wry) *Being Disciples and Making Disciples: A Study Guide for the Evangelical Declaration of the ELCIC*. (Winnipeg: ELCIC, 1999), 88 pages. Refereed
- 1998 "Mission and Contemporary Theologies," *Lutheran World Federation Consultation on Churches in Mission, October 1998*. (Geneva: LWF, 1998), 73-92. Refereed
- 1998 "A Reluctant Denomination." *Practice of Ministry in Canada* 15. no 1 (February, 1998), 17-19. Reprinted in the April, 1998 edition of the *Canada Lutheran*. Invited
- 1997 "The Christology of Luther's Theology of the Cross." *Consensus: A Canadian Lutheran Journal of Theology*, 23 no. 2 (Fall, 1997), 11-25. Refereed
- 1991 "Douglas John Hall's use of Luther's *theologia crucis*." *Toronto Journal of Theology*, 7, no. 2 (Fall 1991), 196-210. Refereed
- 1991 "Some Help From Luther in Dealing with Human Suffering." *Touchstone: Heritage and Theology in a New Age*, 9 no. 2 (May, 1991), 3-6. Invited
- 1990 "Left Handed Theology and Inclusiveness." *HORIZONS*, 17 no. 2 (Fall, 1990), 207-216. Refereed

I have also written numerous book reviews for various academic journals

### **TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:**

- 2010 Blackboard 9 Training Workshop. University of Saskatchewan  
Intermediate *PowerPoint* Training Workshop. University of Saskatchewan
- 2007 "Formation and Fitness for Ministry: Assessing the Connection." Conference of the Chief Academic Officers Society of the ATS, Vancouver, BC.
- 2006 "Addressing diversity in the Classroom and in Institutions." Biennial Meeting of the Association of Theological Schools of the United States and Canada (ATS), Chief Academic Officers Society Meeting, Chicago, Ill. June, 23
- 2006 "Assessing MDiv Student Learning." 2006 Biennial Meeting of the ATS, Chicago, Ill.
- 2006 "Online Resources for Teaching and Research" The ATLA/ATS Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative" 2006 Biennial Meeting of the ATS, Chicago, Ill.
- 2006 "Evaluations based on Student Outcomes," sponsored by the Gwenna Moss Centre, University of Saskatchewan

### **REFERENCES:**

Available on Request