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Personal

Birthplace: Hickory, North Carolina
Birthdate: 10 February 1953

Education

Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana
Colloquy courses - 1983

Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Columbus, Ohio
M. Div. - 1979
“E.C.Fendt Award for Excellence in Systematic Theology”

Texas Lutheran College
Seguin, Texas
B.A., Theology and Philosophy - 1975

Ministerial

Assistant Professor/Director of Field Education, Concordia Theological Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana: 2000 to present

Visiting Professor of Practical Theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary
Tshwane, South Africa (2009- present)

Pastor, University Lutheran Chapel, Minneapolis, Minnesota: 1983 - 2000

Assistant to Dean of Chapel, Valparaiso University: 1979 - 1983

Courses Taught

Catechetics
Christian Initiation (DMin)
Church Year
Confessing Christ in Today's World
Contemporary Lutheran Ethics (DMin/STM)

Contemporary Views of Pastoral Theology
Field Education I
Field Education II
Liturgics I
Liturgics II
Liturgy as Pastoral Care (DMin)
Luther as Pastoral Theologian (DMin)
New Testament Greek Readings
New Testament Patterns of Pastoral Theology (DMin)
Pastoral Theology I
Pastor Theology II
Pastoral Practice Forum
Pastor's Devotional Life
Psalms
Theologia I: Baptism
Theologia III: Lord's Supper
Theological Ethics
Vocation and Ethics (DMin)
Responding to Contemporary Issues: Neo-Pentecostalism
(Lutheran Leadership Development Program)

Continuing Education Course

Hermann Sasse as Pastoral Theologian
Toward a Pastoral Theology of Suffering
The Doctrine of Vocation
Contemporary Lutheran Ethics
Luther's Pastoral Theology
Theology of the Cross
Oswald Bayer as a Resource for Lutheran Pastoral Theology

Seminary Committees

Certification and Placement
Distance Education
Faculty Concerns
Faculty Program
Finance Committee-Accreditation Visit
Military Project Taskforce
Student Policies
Academic Policies
Hermann Sasse Archives

District/Synod

Agenda Committee- Lutheran Hymnal Project
(Commission on Worship) 1998- 2006

Associate Editor, *Inter-Connections* (LCMS Campus Ministry Publication, BFMS) 1998-2000

LCMS Sanctity of Human Life Committee
Member 2006-)

1992 Synodical Convention
Advisory Delegate

Board for Congregational Services
Member 1995-2004
Vice Chairman 2000-2004

Minnesota South Nominations Committee
Member 1991 to 1994
Member 1997-2000

LCMS Board for Youth Services
Member 1989 to 1995

1986 Synodical Convention
Delegate

Commission on Doctrinal Review
Chairman (2010-2019)

LCMS/NALC Dialogue Team (2011-present)

Catechism Revision Taskforce (2014-2017)

Commission on Theology and Church Relations (2019-)

Publications

Books, Chapters, and Study Guides

The Relationship of Adiaphora and Liturgy in the Lutheran Confessions” in **Let Every Tongue Confess: Essays in Honor of Norman Nagel on the Occasion of His Sixty-fifth Birthday** (Nagel Festschrift Committee)

“The Daily Prayer Offices” and “The Setting of the Liturgy” in **Lutheran Worship: History and Practice** (CPH)

Dying to Live - A Study Guide (Logia Books)

Sanctification: Christ in Action - A Study Guide (Northwestern)

Real Life Worship Reader (LCMS Commission on Worship)

Didache (Emmanuel Press)

"In the Name of..." **Perspectives on Worship: Reflections Toward the 21st Century** (Concordia Seminary Press)

“Hermann Sasse and the Liturgical Movement” in **Einträchtig Lehren: Festschrift für Bischof Dr. Jobst Schöne** (Verlag der Lutherischen Buchhandlung)

"Study Questions" in **On Being a Christian** by Henry Hamann (Northwestern)

Study Guide for A Cup of Cold Water: A Look at Biblical Charity (Concordia Seminary Press)

“Confession/Absolution and Repentance” in **Augsburg Today: This We Believe, Teach, and Confess** (CPH)

"Liturgy and Evangelism in Service of the *Mysteria Dei*" in **Mysteria Dei: Essays in Honor of Kurt Marquart** (CTS Press)

"Liturgy and Pietism: Then and Now" in **Pietism and Lutheranism** (Luther Academy)

"Advent-Christmas" in **Readings: A Lectionary Study- Year A** (CPH)

Advent-Christmas" in **Readings: A Lectionary Study -Year B** (CPH)

"Lent-Easter" in **Readings: A Lectionary Study-Year C** (CPH)

"Prayer: The Voice of Faith" in **We Believe: Essays on the Catechism** (CTS Press)

"Healing through the Liturgy: The Rites of Pastoral Care" in **Christ's Gifts for Healing the Soul: Toward a Lutheran Identity in the New Millennium** (CTS Press)

"Reflections on the Life of the Royal Priesthood: Vocation and Evangelism" in **Shepherd the Church: Essays in Pastoral Theology Honoring Bishop Roger Pittelko** (CTS Press)

“Taking the Divine Service into the Week" in **Christ's Gifts for the Healing of the Soul: The Theology and Music of the Divine Service** (CTS Press)

"The Triangular Shape of the Pastor's Devotional Life" in **Lord Jesus Christ, Will You Not Stay: Essays in Honor of Ronald Feuerhan on the Occasion of His Sixty-Fifth Birthday** (Feuerhahn Festschrift Committee)

"Emergent Church Ecclesiology" in **Theologia et Apologia: Essays in Reformation Theology and Its Defense Presented to Rod Rosenblatt** edited by Adam Francisco et al (Wipf & Stock)

"Reviewing Curriculum" in **Sunday School Basics** (CPH)

"Study Questions" for **Luther: Biography of a Reformer** by Frederick Nohl (CPH)

"Study Questions" for **Why I am a Lutheran** by Daniel Preus (CPH)

Handling the Word of Truth: Law and Gospel in the Church Today
(Translated into Danish, Chinese, Finnish, German, Portuguese, and Turkish)

A Small Catechism on Human Life (LCMS Committee on Human Life; also translated into Spanish)

Word: God Speaks to Us (CPH; also translated into Portuguese)

Confession: God Gives Us Truth (CPH)

Women Pastors? The Ordination of Women in Biblical Lutheran Perspective edited with Matthew Harrison (CPH)

"Study Questions" for **Christ Have Mercy: How to Put Your Faith in Action** by Matthew C. Harrison (CPH)

"Foreword" for **To Live with Christ** by Bo Giertz (CPH)

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy with Daniel Gard and Harold Senkbeil (CPH)

"Wilhelm Loehe and the Missouri Synod" in **Wilhelm Loehe(1808-1872): Seine Bedeutung für Kirche und Diakonie** edited by Hermann Schoenauer (Stuttgart: Kohlhammer Verlag, 2008), 119-134.

"Catechism Foundations" in **Confirmation Basics** (CPH)

"Confession and Absolution" in **Formation: Essays for Future Pastors** (CTS Press)

"Good Books to Read Before Coming to the Seminary" in **Formation: Essays for Future Pastors** (CTS Press)

Luther on the Care for the Sick and Dying (LCMS World Relief and Human Care)

Foreword and Study Guide for **Exchanges: Theological Dimensions of a Sexual-Ethical Question** by Armin Wenz (LCMS World Relief and Human Care)

Study questions for **A Little Book on Joy** by Matthew Harrison (CPH)

“The Lively Use of Loehe: Kenneth Korby’s Contribution to a Renewed Reception of his Pastoral Theology in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod” in **Wilhelm Löhe: Erbe und Vision** Edited by Dietrich Blaufuß (Gütersloher Verlag, 2009), 110-126.

“Word” and “Confession” in **Lutheran Spirituality: Life as God’s Child** edited by Robert Baker (CPH)

“Two Kingdoms” in **Lutheranism 101** edited by Scot Kinnaman (CPH)

“Preface” to **Wilhelm Loehe (1808-1872)** by Erika Geiger (CPH)

“After Barth: Three Lutheran Appraisals of Natural Law” in **Natural Law: A Lutheran Reappraisal** edited by Robert Baker (CPH)

“Wilhelm Loehe and the Missouri Synod” in **Wilhelm Loehe and the Nineteenth-Century Revival of Confessionalism and Mission** edited by John A. Maxfield (Luther Academy)

“The Ordination of Women and the Ecclesiastical Endorsement of Homosexuality: Are They Related?” in **Women Pastors? The Ordination of Women in Biblical Lutheran Perspective** edited by Matthew Harrison and John T. Pless (CPH)

“Hermann Sasse” and “Helmut Thielicke” in **Twentieth Century Lutheran Theologians** edited by Mark C. Mattes (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013)

Mercy at Life End (LCMS Sanctify of Life, 2013)

Martin Luther: Preacher of the Cross – A Study in Luther’s Pastoral Theology (CPH, 2013; also translated into Spanish)

“Hermann Sasse the Preacher” in **Witness: The Sermons of Herman Sasse** translated and edited by Bror Erickson (Magdeburg Press, 2013)

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Psalm 119” in **The Restoration of Creation in Christ: Essays in Honor of Dean O Wenthe** edited by Arthur Just and Paul Grime (CPH, 2014)

“The Ordination of Women in Global Perspective” in **Propter Christum: Essays in Honor of Daniel Preus** edited by Scott Murray et al (Luther Academy 2013)

“Wilhelm Löhe als seelsorgerlicher Theologe” in **Wilhelm Löhe: Theologie und Geschichte**, edited by Dietrich Blaufuß (Freimund-Verlag, 2013)

God at Work: Changing Lives by Teaching Law and Gospel with Carl Fickenscher, Bryan Wolfmueller, David Maxwell, John Oberdeck, Jeffrey Burkhart, and Harold Senkbeil (CPH, 2013)

“Seed Grains: Löhe’s Manual for Christian Formation in Prayer” in **Wilhelm Löhe und Bildung** edited by Dietrich Blaufuß and Jacob Corzine (Friedmund-Verlag, 2016)

“Liturgical Preaching: The Pitfalls and the Promise” in **Feasting in a Famine of the Word** edited by Mark Birkhloz, Jacob Corzine, and Jonathan Mumme (Pickwick, 2016)

“Answering the Why Question: Martin Luther on Human Suffering” in **Mercy in Action: Essays on Mercy, Human Care and Disaster Response** edited by Ross Johnson (LCMS 2015)

Praying Luther’s Small Catechism (CPH, 2016)

“Cross-Bearing and Life in a Lutheran Synod: What Can we Learn from Hermann Sasse?” in **Dona Gratis Donata: Essays in Honor of Norman Nagel on the Occasion of his 90th Birthday** edited by Bart Day et al (Privately Published, 2016)

“Inviting Young People into God’s Word” (pp. 64-68) and “Teaching Vocation” (pp. 39-42) in **The Pedagogy of Faith: Essays on Lutheran Education** edited by Bernard Bull (CPH, 2016)

“Theology of the Cross as Pastoral Care in Times of Disaster” in **The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ** edited by Ross Edward Johnson and John T. Pless (LCMS, 2016), 279-296

The Mercy of God in the Cross of Christ: Essays on Mercy in Honor of Glenn Merritt edited with Ross Edward Johnson (LCMS, 2016)

Closed Communion? Admission to the Lord’s Supper in Biblical Lutheran Perspective edited with Matthew C. Harrison (CPH, 2017)

“The Lord’s Supper: Our Life Together in Doctrine and Practice” (pp.227-246) and “Theses on Infant/Toddler Communion” (pp. 435-444) in **Closed Communion? Admission to the Lord’s Supper in Biblical Lutheran Perspective** edited by M. Harrison and J.T. Pless (CPH, 2017)

The Necessary Distinction: Continuing Conversations on Law and Gospel edited with Albert Collver and James Nestingen (CPH, 2017)

“Law and Gospel: An LCMS Perspective” (pp. 13-24) and “Preaching the Penitential Psalms in Lent” (253-263) in **The Necessary Distinction: Continuing Conversations on Law and Gospel** ed. A. Collver, J. Nestingen, J.T. Pless (CPH 2017)

Entries on Paul Althaus, Apologetics, Friedrich Bodelschwingh (older and younger), Hanns Lilje, Wilhelm Loehle, Martin Niemoeller, Repristination Theology, Sacraments, Hermann Sasse, Karl Johann Philip Spiitta, Ten Commandments, Helmut Thielicke, and Three Estates in A

Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions edited by Timothy Wengert (Baker Academic, 2017)

Entries on “Career as Professor,” “Catechisms,” “Pastoral Care,” and “Preaching” in **Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation** edited by Mark Lamport (Rown Littlefield 2017)

“Foreword” to **Law & Gospel in Action** by Mark C. Mattes (1517 Publications, 2018)

“Catechetical Discipleship” in **Handing Over the Goods: Essays in Honor of James Arne Nestingen** edited by Steven Paulson and Scott Keith (1517 Publications, 2018)

“Hermann Sasse’s Reception of the Loehe Legacy” in **Die einigende Mitte: Theologie in konfessioneller und ökumenischer Verantwortung** edited by C. Barnbrock and G. da Silva (Edition Ruprecht, 2018)

Luther’s Small Catechism as Manual for Discipleship (CPH 2019)

Co-editor with Joshua Miller and Roland Ziegler, **Promising Faith for a Ruptured Age: An English-Speaking Appreciation of Oswald Bayer** (Pickwick 2019)

“Sacraments in the Catechism: Promise, Gift and Faith” in **Promising Faith**, pp. 181-194

“Introduction” and “Updated Annotated Bibliography” for **Led by the Spirit: How Charismatic is New Testament Christianity** by Victor C. Pfitzner (CPH Reprint for Lutheran Leadership Development Program, 2019)

Journal Articles

"Implications of Recent Exegetical Studies for the Doctrine of the Lord's Supper" **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (April-July 1984)

“Luther and the Confessions on Faith and Reason” in **A Study of Faith and Intellect: A New Look at an Old Issue**

"Martin Luther: Preacher of the Cross" **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (April-July 1987)

"Six Theses on Liturgy and Evangelism" **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (January 1988)

"The Evangelization of Missouri" **Lutheran Forum** (Pentecost 1989)

"Toward a Confessional Understanding of Liturgy" **Logia** (Eastertide 1993)

"Catechesis for Life in the Royal Priesthood" **Logia** (Reformation 1994)

"The Place of Doctrine" **Lutheran Forum** (Mary, Mother of our Lord 1995)

"Divine Service: Delivering the Forgiveness of Sins" **Logia** (Reformation 1996)

"Hermann Sasse and the Liturgical Movement" **Logia** (Eastertide 1998)

"Learning to Preach From Luther in Advent and Christmas" **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (October 1998)

"Liturgy and Pietism-Then and Now" **Logia** (Reformation 1999)

"Holy Lord, Holy Gifts, Holy People" **Lutheran Forum** (Reformation 1999)

"Your Pastor is Not Your Therapist: Private Confession- The Ministry of Repentance and Faith" **Logia** (Eastertide 2001)

"Vocation: Fruit of the Liturgy" **Logia** (Holy Trinity 2002)

"The Consummation of the Law" **Modern Reformation** (May/June 2002)

"Baptism as Consolation in Luther's Pastoral Care" **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (January 2003), 19-32

"Curriculum from and for the Church" **CTQ** (January 2006)

"Tracking the Trinity in Contemporary Theology" **CTQ** (April 2005)

"The Use and Misuse of Luther in Contemporary Debates on Homosexuality: A Look at Two Theologians" **Lutheran Forum** (Summer 2005)

"Bonhoeffer the Preacher" **Concordia Pulpit Resources** (September 17-November 26, 2006)

"Wilhelm Loehe and the Missouri Synod: Forgotten Paternity or Living Legacy?" **Currents in Theology and Mission** (April 2006), 122-137

"A Curriculum From and For the Church" **Lutheran Theological Journal** (May 2006)

"Fidelity to the Catechism in Prayer and Teaching" in **Lutheran Forum** (Fall 2005)

"Contemporary Spirituality and the Emerging Church" *Concordia Theological Quarterly* (July/October 2007), 347-363

"Andens gaver: Spiritualitet eller kald" in **IXQUS-dansk tidsskrift for teologi og kirke** (September 2007), 26-38

"The Catechism as the Handbook for the Vocation of the Laity in Worship and Prayer" in **The Pieper Lectures: The Lutheran Doctrine of Vocation** edited by John Maxfield (Concordia Historical Institute & The Luther Academy), 81-97

"Vocation: A Defining Point for Lutheran Campus Ministry" in **For the Life of the World** (October 2007), 6-8

“*Lutheran Service Book Agenda and Lutheran Service Book Pastoral Care Companion*” in **The History and Practice of Lutheran Service Book** edited by Daniel Zager (GSI), 149-156

“Law and Gospel: It’s All About Jesus” **Teachers Interaction** (Winter 2007), 4

“What is the Gospel?” **Teachers Interaction** (Winter 2008), 4

“Law and Gospel: Speaking About the Sacraments” **Teachers Interaction** (Spring 2008), 4

“Law and Gospel: A Constant Guest” **Teachers Interaction** (Summer 2008), 4

“Teaching God’s Law” **Teachers Interaction** (Spring 2009), 4

Devotions for October 2007 in **Portals of Prayer: October-December 2007** (CPH)

“Martin Luther’s Christmas Letter” **Lutheran Witness** (December 2007), 10-13

“The Missionary who Never Left Home: Wilhelm Loehe” **Lutheran Witness** (February 2008), 11-13

“No Longer Captive: Alleluia!” **Lutheran Witness** (March 2008), 4-6

“Learning Justification by Faith Alone in Madagascar” **Mercy Works** (Summer/Fall 2007), 15-17

“The Contribution of Kenneth Korby to a Renewed Reception of Wilhelm Loehe’s Pastoral Theology” **CTQ** (April 2009), 1-13

“Loehe Studies Today” **CTQ** (April 2009), 182-186

“Helmut Thielicke” **Lutheran Quarterly** (Winter 2009)

“Ordination of Women and Homosexuality” **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (July/October 2010)

“Lutheran Confession and Mission” **Lutheran Witness** (August 2011)

“Law and Gospel with Pastor Walther” **Lutheran Witness** (October 2011)

“Hermann Sasse” **Lutheran Quarterly** (Autumn 2011)

“A Conversation between Mark Noll and Hermann Sasse” **Logia** (Epiphany 2013), 5-7

“Confession and Absolution” **Lutheran Quarterly** (Spring 2016)

“Sacraments in the Catechism: Treasures God Gives and Faith Receives” **Logia** (Holy Trinity 2017), 13-20

“Wayward Students of Harnack: Hermann Sasse and Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the Word of God” in **Logia** (Holy Trinity 2017), 31-36

“Hospitality at the Lord’s Table” **Lutheran Witness** (February 2018), 19.

“Faithfulness in Christ’s Mission” in **Lutheran Mission Matters** (May 2019), 74-82

“Taking the Pulse of Theology in the Missouri Synod: A Look at Publications from Concordia Publishing House” **Concordia Theological Quarterly** (January/April 2019), 27-42

“The Office of the Ministry in Global Lutheranism” **Logia** (Reformation 2019), 22-28

Book reviews, devotional articles, sermon studies, and editorials in:

Logia, The Lutheran Quarterly, Lutheran Forum, Forum Letter, The Cresset, The Bride of Christ, Lutheran Witness, Inter-Connections, Concordia Pulpit, Concordia Pulpit Resources, Lutheran Worship Notes, Concordia Theological Quarterly. For the Life of the World, Trinity Seminary Review, Gottesdienst, First Things, Issues in Christian Education, Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly, Journal of Lutheran Ethics, Journal for Lutheran Mission

Other

For the Life of the World

Editor (2000-2009)

Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology

Book Review Editor

Lutheran Forum

Contributing editor (1988-1995)

Lutheran Quarterly

Council of Editorial Advisors (2008-)

Shepherd the Church: Essays in Pastoral Theology Honoring Bishop Roger Pittelko

Editor

Concordia Preaching Helps

Editorial Committee

Journal for Lutheran Mission

Book Review Editor (2015-)

Teachers Interaction

Editorial Advisory Committee

Toward a Theology of Mercy Essay Contest for Seminary Students (LCMS World Relief/Human Care)

Coordinator (2007-)

Growth in Excellence in Ministry

(GEM Project-Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support)

Writer/Presenter for the Module “Catechesis: The Lively Link Between Evangelism and Worship”

Real Life Worship Conferences - LCMS Commission on Worship

Presenter: “Liturgy and Evangelism” and “Liturgy and Catechesis”

St. Matthias Day Conference, 24 February 1995, Dearborn, Michigan

Presenter: “The Small Catechism as Handbook for the Royal Priesthood”

1994 Upper Midwest Region New Pastors’ Seminar

Chaplain & Presenter: “Devotional Life of the Lutheran Pastor”

Westfield House - Cambridge, England Pastors’ Study Week - June 1993

Guest Lecturer: “The Divine Service, Catechesis, and the Royal Priesthood”

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saint Catharines, Ontario (CTS Extension Classes)

Guest Lecturer: “The Catechism in the Congregation” (April 1992)

Guest Lecturer: “Liturgy as Pastoral Care” (May 1998)

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana - March 1992

Integrity Series Presenter: “Liturgy as Evangelistic Outreach”

Concordia Theological Seminary Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions

Fort Wayne, Indiana

Paper: “Liturgy and Anaphora in the Lutheran Confessions” (January 1990)

Paper: “Tracking the Trinity in Contemporary Theology” (January 2004)

Paper: “Contemporary Spirituality and the Emerging Church” (January 2006)

Paper: “The Voice of Loehle in Walther’s Church” (January 2011)

Concordia Theological Seminary Russian Project

Guest Lecturer at various places in former Soviet Union (July, 1998 and July 2000)

“Theology of Luther's Catechisms”

“Lutheran Liturgy in Missionary Context”

Guest Lecturer on “Luther as Pastoral Theologian” for the Lutheran Church in Singapore
May 24-31, 2014

Lectures for Luther Academy Conference in Philippines on “The Theology of the Cross and Suffering”
October 23-November 1, 2015

District Pastoral Conferences and Workshops -Pastors’ Pre-Lenten Retreats

Minnesota South, Iowa East, Southern Illinois, Iowa West,
Southeastern, Minnesota North, North Dakota, South Wisconsin,
Indiana, Wyoming, Southern, South Dakota, Nebraska, Texas,
Montana, Mid-South, Missouri, Rocky Mountain and New England
Presenter: various topics

Advent-Christmas Preaching Seminars (Minnesota South District), Dean and Presenter
“Liturgical Structures of the Time of Christmas” (1995)
“Learning From Luther How to Preach in Advent and Christmas” (1996)
" Paul Gerhardt on Advent/Christmas" (2000)
“Dear Christians One and All Rejoice” (2008 and 2010)

Concordia Seminary - Seminary Convocations, St. Louis, Missouri

Presenter: “Liturgy and Catechesis”.(December 1989)
Presenter: “Delivering the Forgiveness of Sins” (January 1996)
Presenter: “The Divine Service and the Mission of the Church” (February 1997)

1985 LCMS Campus Ministry Staff Conference

Chaplain

Concordia College

St. Paul, Minnesota 1984 - 85
Adjunct Instructor

LCMS Campus Ministry/Education/Etc.

Presenter at various campus ministry retreats, workshops, and conferences. Organized the International Student Christian Resource Center at the University of Minnesota. Organized and directs the Lay Academy of Theology in Minneapolis. Has served on the board of directors for the Concordia Academy, Evangelical Human Care and on the Executive Committee for the Council of Religious Advisors (University of Minnesota)

1998 Pieper Lectures (Concordia Seminary, St. Louis) "Liturgy and Pietism: Then and Now"

1998 Agnus Dei Conference (Arlington, Texas) "Holy God, Holy Gifts, Holy People"

1998 National Lutheran Student Fellowship Gathering (Albuquerque, NM)
"Apologetics in Postmodern Culture"

Concordia University-Irvine

"Christian Initiation" (CTS Extension Course, October 1999)

2000 National Lutheran Student Fellowship Gathering (Nashville, TN)

Banquet Speaker

Worship the Lamb: National LCMS Worship Conference (Mequon, WI July 16-19, 2002)

Seminar: "Liturgy as Pastoral Care"

Tenth International Congress for Luther Research (Copenhagen, August 4-9, 2002).

Seminar Presentation: "Baptism as Consolation in the Writings of Luther after 1529"

Eleventh International Congress for Luther Research (ULBRA, Canoas, Brazil July 22-27, 2007).

Seminar Presentation: "Gustaf Wingren's *Luther On Vocation After Sixty-Five Years*"

Twelfth International Congress for Luther Research (University of Helsinki, Finland, August 5-10, 2012).

Seminar Presentation: "The Catechetical Structure of Luther's Pastoral Theology"

CTS Symposium on the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Bo Giertz (September 19, 2005)

Paper: "*The Hammer of God* as Book of Catechesis and Prayer"

Aquinas-Luther Conference (Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, NC, October 2005)

Paper: "The Use and Misuse of Luther in Contemporary Debates On Homosexuality"

Secretary, International Loehe Society (2005- 2008)

Co-president, International Loehe Society (2008- 2014)

Member of *Kuratorium* of "Löhe-Forschungsstelle" Neuendettelsau

Member, International Bonhoeffer Society (2013-)

Board of International Advisors, Korea Luther Society (2008-)

Member, North American Luther Research Forum (2009-)

Andra Pradesh Lutheran Symposium in Guntur, India on "Preaching the Catechism" and visited various Lutheran sites in the area (January 9-16, 2006)

Andra Pradesh Lutheran Symposium in Guntur, India on "Luther on Baptism" (January 2-3, 2009)

Andra Pradesh Lutheran Symposium in Guntur, India on "Luther's Catechisms (January 10-12, 2018)

Theology of Christian Worship Conference (Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, June 22-23, 2008). Keynote Address: “Can We Participate in the Atonement Liturgically?”

HIV/AIDS Conference in Antsirabe, Madagascar (February 2005)
Presentation: “Lutheran Pastoral Theology, Ethics and AIDS”

Coordinated and Led LCMS Word Relief/Human Care Mercy Mission Expedition to Madagascar for CTS Students
(2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

Lecturer at Theological Seminars in SE Asia (Summers 2005
2006, 2007)

Pieper Lectures –Concordia Seminary St. Louis (September 2006)
Paper: “The Catechism as Handbook for the Vocation of the Laity in Worship and Prayer”

Meeting of the International Wilhelm Loehe Society-Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA
(July 13-15, 2005)
Paper: “Wilhelm Loehe and the Missouri Synod: Forgotten Paternity or Living Legacy?”

Coordinator for Meeting of the International Wilhelm Loehe Society at Concordia Theological Seminary (July 26-30, 2011)

Continuing Education Course on “Preaching the Law Today” for Pastors of the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa at Wartburg, South, Africa
(August 25-28, 2015)

Luther Academy Conference Speaker in Madagascar
(July 10-22, 2015)

Lecture on “Office and Vocation: Men and Women in the Church” at Conference for Women Theologians at Antannarivo, Madagascar
(March 24-26, 2015)

Paper: “The Lively Use of Loehe: Kenneth Korby’s Contribution to a Renewed Reception of His Pastoral Theology in The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod” at Conference of the International Loehe Society meeting in Neuendettelsau (July 22-26, 2008)

Presentations for Laity on “Law and Gospel in Christian Witness” and “Masks of God: the Doctrine of Vocation” presented at over fifty locations throughout the country.

Visiting Professor at Lutheran Theological Seminary, Pretoria, South Africa (2009-Present)

Speaker for “Unwrapped: LCMS National Campus Ministry Conference” at St. Louis University (January 3-7, 2013)

Drafter of Commission on Theology and Church Relations (LCMS) document in Response to the ELCA’s “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust” (2011-2012)

Video and Study Guide for PALS on “Pastoral Care at the End of Life” (2014)

Video Interview for *The Great Deceiver* (Lutheran Hour Ministries, Men’s Network Bible Study, 2014)

Lecturer, Lutheran Study Days, Bergen, Norway (August 31-September 2, 2018)

Speaker, *Here We Still Stand Conference*, San Diego, CA (October 15, 2018)

Speaker, LCMS Life Conference, Washington, DC (January 19, 2019)

Lecturer on “Law and Gospel in Confession and Absolution” at the International Luther Symposium in Sao Leopoldo, Brazil (July 4, 2019)

Lecturer on “Praying the Catechism” at Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (September 18, 2019)

Regular Essayist for the *Craft of Preaching* Blog (2018-present)

Awards/Honors

Festschrift: *Theology is Eminently Practical: Essays in Honor of John T. Pless* edited by Jacob Corzine and Bryan Wolfmueller (Lutheran Legacy Press, 2013)

Concordia Historical Institute Award of Commendation for “Wilhelm Loehe: His Voice Still Heard in Walther’s Church” *CTQ* (July/October 2011)

Doctor of Letters- *honoris causa*- from Concordia University- Chicago (May 5, 2018)

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