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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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

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

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University, Winter Quarter 2012

## EDUCATION

University of Chicago Divinity School, Chicago, IL

Ph.D. in History of Christianity, June 2014 (with distinction)

M.A. in History of Christianity, June 2007

Kenyon College, Gambier, OH

B.A. in History, 2001, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

## BOOKS

“*Enemies of the Cross*”: *Suffering and Mysticism in the Reformation* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming December 2020)

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

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“‘Our Jews’: Anti-Judaism and the Formation of Reformation-era Christians,” *Journal of Religion* 99 no. 4 (Oct. 2019): 403-31

“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

#### **REVIEW ESSAY**

“From the Universal to the Particular: Luther and the Reformation after 500 Years,” *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 69, no. 2 (April 2018), 806-820. Review of Thomas Albert Howard, *Remembering the Reformation: An Inquiry into the Meanings of Protestantism* (Oxford, 2016); Thomas Kaufmann, *Luther’s Jews: A Journey into Anti-Semitism* (Oxford, 2017); Volker Leppin, *Die fremde Reformation: Luthers mystische Wurzeln* (C.H. Beck, 2016); Andrew Pettegree, *Brand Luther: 1517, Printing, and the Making of the Reformation* (Penguin, 2015); Lyndal Roper, *Martin Luther: Renegade and Prophet* (Bodley Head, 2016); and Heinz Schilling, *Martin Luther: Rebel in an Age of Upheaval* (Oxford, 2017).

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

*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

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES**

“The Suffering and Death of Christ as Epistemological Framework in Reformation-era Lutheran Teaching: Martin Luther and Cyriacus Spangenberg,” in *Festschrift* for Susan E. Schreiner, edited by Ralph Keen and Daniel Owings (Brill, forthcoming)

“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)

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

#### **TRANSLATIONS**

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)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Reflections on Teaching the Tradition,” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 58, no. 4 (Dec. 2019):  
<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

## **CURRENT RESEARCH**

My second book project is an examination of sermons and devotional literature on the passion; the goal is to elucidate how Christians were taught to engage in discernment of truth and self-discipline during the era of Reformation (c. 1520-c. 1650).

## **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“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**

“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 PANELS

Organizer (by invitation of program committee): Seminar on “Luther and Mysticism,” 14<sup>th</sup> International Luther Congress, Thousand Oaks, CA, Nov. 2022

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 500<sup>th</sup>: 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 15<sup>th</sup>- and 16<sup>th</sup>-Century Europe: Continuity and Change,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nov. 23, 2014

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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

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, *Lutheran Spirituality*

Organizer, Biennial Conference of the American Cusanus Society, Oct. 2018-present

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

Watanabe Fund Committee, July 2017-present (overseeing fund for acquisition of books and lectures)

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

**EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

Manuscripts reviewed for *Dialog: A Journal of Theology*, *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, *Church History and Religious Culture*, *Antisemitism Studies*

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

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

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

**COMMITTEE SERVICE** (*ongoing assignments listed first*)

Faculty Executive Council, Jan. 2019-present

M.Div. Degree Program Committee, 2017-present

St. John's Summit Lectureship Committee, 2017-present

Library Advisory Committee, 2015-present

Special Events, Worship, and Lifelong Learning Committee, 2016-17

Graduate Studies Committee, 2015-17

**AD HOC COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

Working Group on Design and Delivery of the Student Learning Experience (part of self-study for accreditation), Fall 2019

Faculty Handbook Revision, Summer 2019

Search Committee, Professor of Biblical Studies (Old Testament), Spring 2019

**HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Church History

Sixteenth Century Society

Society for Reformation Research

American Academy of Religion