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Appointed Extraordinary Research Professor at North-West University, South Africa (2014-present)

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The University of Chicago (Religion and Literature)

Doctoral Thesis: *The Restless Reader: Johann Gottfried Herder's Interpretation of the New Testament*

Brian Gerrish, Michael Murrin (Advisers); David Tracy (Reader)

M.A. The University of Chicago (Divinity)

B.A. St. Olaf College (English, Music)

Studies Abroad:

Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, Germany (Graduate Research)

University of Tübingen, Germany (Graduate Studies in Philosophy and Theology)

Cambridge University, England (Undergraduate Studies in Romantic Poetry and Music)

CURRENT AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Religious Understandings of Children and Childhood

Vocation, Church-Related Higher Education, and Lutheran Theology

Inter-religious Studies and Interfaith Understanding and Cooperation

Child Advocacy and Well-being (including attention to the moral and spiritual development of children and youth)

PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

For articles, book chapters, resources, and translated works, see "Additional Publications" below.

1. *So That All May Flourish: The Aims of Lutheran Higher Education*. Co-edited by Marcia J. Bunge, Jason A. Mahn, and Martha E. Stortz. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2023.
2. *Child Theology: Diverse Methods and Global Perspectives*. Edited by Marcia J. Bunge. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2021.
3. *Nordic Childhoods 1750-1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking*. Co-edited by Marcia J. Bunge, Reidar Aasgaard, and Merethe Roos. New York, NY: Routledge, 2018.
4. *Rooted in Heritage, Open to the World: Reflections on the Distinctive Character of Gustavus Adolphus College*. Edited and introduced by Marcia J. Bunge. Minneapolis, MN: Lutheran University Press, 2017.
5. *Children, Adults, and Shared Responsibilities: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Perspectives*. Edited and introduced by Marcia J. Bunge. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
6. *Children and Childhood in World Religions: Primary Sources and Texts*. Edited and introduced by Don Browning and Marcia J. Bunge. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press: 2009. Paperback, 2011.
7. *The Child in the Bible*. General Editor: Marcia J. Bunge. Co-editors: Terence Fretheim and Beverly Roberts Gaventa. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008.
8. *The Child in Christian Thought*. Edited and introduced by Marcia Bunge. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2001.
9. *Against Pure Reason: Writings on History, Language, and Religion* by J. G. Herder. Edited, translated, and introduced by Marcia J. Bunge. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1993. Reprint: Wipf and Stock, 2005.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AND INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS

Project Leader, "Story Storytelling and Sensemaking at a Settler Institution: *Walking a Shared Path with Dakota Neighbors*," a grant funded by the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (2025-2026).

Director, Bridging the Gap Grant, co-led with Marian Broida and Patricia English-Schneider, funded by Interfaith America (2023-24).

Co-Director, Strengthening Attention to Inter-religious Literacy and Engagement across the Curriculum (Seed Money from Interfaith Strategic Planning Grant, funded by Interfaith Youth Core, 2020-2021)

Project Director and Lead Grant Writer, “Strengthening Interfaith Understanding at a Lutheran College: Assessing and Learning from an Innovative Approach to Teaching Judaism” (\$29,820 grant from the Wabash Center, 2017-2018)

Core Collaborator and Consultant, Project on New Perspectives on Childhood in Early Europe (\$1.3 million grant from the Norwegian Research Council directed by Reidar Aasgaard, University of Oslo, 2013-2017)

Project Leader and Lead Grant Writer, “Interfaith Cooperation in Professional and Civic Life” (\$10,000 grant from Interfaith Youth Core and the Teagle Foundation, 2016-2017)

Co-Founder, Director of the Grant Writing Team, and Project Leader for Theology, “Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics” (\$589,463 grant from the Lilly Endowment, awarded 2015)

Director and Editor, “Orientation Book on the Lutheran Heritage of Gustavus Adolphus College” (\$3,000 grant from the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts, 2015-2017)

Co-Director, “Nordic Childhoods: 1700-1960” (a research project sponsored by the University of Oslo, 2014-2016)

Co-Director, Project on “Child Theologies: Perspectives from World Christianity” (\$35,321 grant from Compassion International, 2010-2012)

Director, Project on “The Child in Religion and Ethics” (\$538,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment, 2004-2008)

Co-Director, National Meeting on “Vocation and Lutheran Higher Education,” with representatives from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Institutions that received Lilly Endowment grants for youth programs (\$20,000 grant from Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, 2003)

Co-Director, Project on “Renewable Energy, Social Justice, and Vocation” (University grant, 2003-2004)

Director, Planning Grant, Project on “Theological Exploration of Vocation at Valparaiso University” (\$50,000 Planning Grant, 1999-2000; \$1,965,150 project from the Lilly Endowment, 2000-2005)

Director, Project on “The Child in Christian Thought” (\$127,501 grant from the Lilly Endowment, 1998-2000); included research at the *Franckesche Stiftungen* (Halle, Germany) and project consultations (Chicago)

Director, Institutional Renewal Grant for Faculty Orientation at Valparaiso University (funded by the Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, 2000)

Regional Director, “Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College” (funded by the Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College, 1998-1999)

Co-Director, Campus Recycling Grant (funded by the Porter County Solid Waste Management District, 1998-1999)

HONORS AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Curriculum Development Grant, funded by Interfaith Youth Core (2019)

Participant in Summer Writing Workshop on “Writing Beyond the Academy,” sponsored by the Collegeville Institute and directed by Michael N. McGregor (2019)

Theological Advisor, “Statement in Support of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Call to Action #6”; written by an interdisciplinary team directed by Valerie Michaelson, Queen’s University, Ontario (2017)

Theological Contributor, Joint Statement by the World Council of Church and UNICEF on Child Protection (2016)

Kempe-Haruv Fellow, international initiative on “Child Protection,” co-sponsored by the Kempe Center of the University of Colorado and the Haruv Institute of Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2015-2017, 2020)

Intercultural Development Grant for developing a course in Germany on Luther, Bach, Bonhoeffer (June 2016)

Visiting Research Scholar, University of Oslo (June 2015)

Participant in Summer Seminar on “Teaching Interfaith Understanding,” sponsored by The Council of Independent Colleges and Interfaith Youth Core and directed by Catherine Cornille, Eboo Patel, and Diana Eck (2014)

Summer Research Fellowship for World Christianity Consultation (funded by Valparaiso University, 2011)

Faculty Development Awards (funded by the Valparaiso University Alumni Association, 2002 and 2010)

Wheat Ridge Grant for Faculty Research (2002-2004)

Nominee, Distinguished Teaching Award (Valparaiso University Alumni Association, 2002)

Christian Faith and Life Sabbatical Grant (\$40,000 grant from the Louisville Institute, 2000-2001)

Summer Research Grant for Study in Halle, Germany (funded by Valparaiso University, 1999)

Fellow for “Rhodes Consultation on the Future of the Church-Related College” (1996-1997)

Fellow for “Project on Risk, Institutions, Science, and Knowledge” (FIPSE Grant, University of Iowa, 1993)
 Scholar-in-Residence through the Joyce Foundation Award (Luther College, 1993)
 Sears Foundation Grant (1991)
 Overseas Fellowship (Division for Global Missions, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1989)
 Award for Theological Scholarship and Research for Research at the University of Bonn, Germany (ATS, 1986)
 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (1984-1985)
 Overseas Fellowship (The University of Chicago, 1984)
 Research Assistant: The University of Chicago (Bible, History of Christianity, Religion and Literature, 1983-1984)
 World Council of Churches Fellowship for Study Abroad (1979-1981)
 Ellen Johnson Music Award (St. Olaf College, 1975-1976)
 Magna cum laude (1976)
 Phi Beta Kappa (elected 1976)
 Drama Scholarship (Colorado Women’s College, 1972-1973)
 National Merit Scholar (1972)

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Editorial Board Member, *Intersections* (2019-present)
 Editorial Board Member, *International Journal on Child Maltreatment: Research, Policy, and Practice* (2019-2023)
 Chair, Faculty Working Group on the Vocation of Lutheran Higher Education, sponsored by the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities (2019-2022)
 Theological Advisor, Leadership Team Member, *Gustavus Academy for Faith, Science, and Ethics* (2015-present)
 Member of the Editorial Board, *Word and World* (1987-1988, 1989-1990, 2016-2022)
 Member, Gustavus Adolphus College’s Presidential Task Force on Vocation and Purposeful Living (2018-2020)
 Editorial Board Member, *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal* (2013-2019)
 Member of the National Writing Team, “Rooted and Open: The Common Calling of the Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities (NECU)””; this document was presented to and approved by the Presidents of all NECU institutions (2019).
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Childhood and Religion* (2010-2017)
 International Board of Directors, Child Theology Movement (2004-2017)
 Member of the Advisory Committee, “Sacred Journeys,” a ground-breaking exhibit on World Religions at the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis produced in collaboration with the National Geographic Society and sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. (grand opening August 2015). The exhibit included rare artifacts from around the world and was featured in a segment of Religion and Ethics on PBS (February 2016)
 Steering Committee Member, Childhood Studies and Religion, American Academy of Religion (Co-Chair and Founding Member, 2003-2008; Steering Committee Member 2008-2010 and 2012-2015)
 General Advisory Board Member, *The Cresset* (2002-2016)
 Steering Committee Member, Children in the Biblical World, the Society of Biblical Literature (2008-2014)
 Consultant, Interdisciplinary Consultation on the Advisability and Feasibility of Creating Exhibits on World Religions at Children’s Museums, sponsored by The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis (2009-2011)
 Theological Advisor, Center for Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence, directed by Eugene C. Roehlkepartain, Vice President for Research and Development at the Search Institute (2006-2010)
 Director of Theological Inquiry, Center for the Theology of Childhood (2002-2010)
 Planning Team Member, “Children’s Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives,” an international conference held in Chicago every three years and initially funded by the Louisville Institute (2001-2010)
 Member of the “National Task Force on Education for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America” (2003-2007), which helped to draft the ELCA’s social statement, “Our Calling in Education” (adopted 2007)
 Leader for Course Development, Valparaiso’s Theological Exploration of Vocation Project (2003-2006)
 Steering Committee, Valparaiso’s Theological Exploration of Vocation Project (2000-2006)
 Consultant, Children’s Environmental Health Network in Washington DC, directed by Daniel Swartz (2002-2004)
 Consultant, Project on Developing Child Specific Practices of Faith in the Family, Ada Bible Church (2002-2004)
 Consultant, Enhancing the Literature on the Theological Exploration of Vocation, directed by Kim Maphis Early and funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. (2002)

Member of the Editorial Board, *Dialog* (1992-2001)
Network Editor, *Religious Studies Review* (1994-1998)
Member of the Steering Committee, Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group of the AAR (1991-1995)
Member of the Executive Board and Founding Member, International Herder Society (1985-1990)

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS: Articles, Book Chapters, Resources, and Translated Works

For list of books, see “Publications: Books,” above.

Religious Understandings of Children and Childhood

- “Cultivating Robust Theological Anthropologies by Incorporating the Sciences and Attention to Children’s Full Humanity,” *Philosophy, Theology, and the Sciences* 13, no. 1 (2026): 82–106.
- “Honoring the Full Humanity of Children: Lessons from Robust Theologies of Childhood for Child Protection and Wellbeing” in *The Wellbeing of the Child: Promotion—Protection—Rights*, co-edited by Myriam Wijlens and Yeshica Marianne Umaña Calderón (LIT Verlag, 2025), 163-182.
- “Lutheran Commitments to Children and Child Wellbeing: Theological Foundations and Contemporary Challenges” in *Here We Stand: A Lutheran Response to Child Abuse*, co-edited by Craig L. Nesson and Victor I. Vieth (Eugene, Oregon: Pickwick, 2025), 3-27.
- “Christianity, Child Well-Being, and Corporal Punishment” in *Faith in Law, Law in Faith*, co-edited by R. Domingo Oslé, G. Hauk, and T. P. Jackson (Brill, 2024), 540-567.
- “Lutheran Foundations for Promoting Child Well-being and Addressing Child Maltreatment” in the *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (April 2024).
- “Robust Theologies of Childhood: Their Role in Safeguarding Children, Strengthening Theology, and Empowering Action.” Video presentation prepared for an international conference entitled “Towards a Theology of Safeguarding” sponsored by Ireland’s National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church (May 2022). The video and a booklet with transcripts of nine conference videos are available at the conference website: <https://safeguarding.ie/national-conference-2022>.
- “Communicating Values by Honoring Families and the Full Humanity of Children: Lessons from Robust Theologies and Detrimental Developments among Protestants,” in *The Impact of the Family: On Character Formation, Ethical Education, and the Communication of Values in Late Modern Pluralistic Societies*, edited by John Witte, Michael Welker, Stephen Pickard (Leipzig: Evangelische Verlagsanstalt, 2022), 105-126.
- “The Significance of Robust Theologies of Childhood for Honouring Children’s Full Humanity and Rejecting Corporal Punishment,” in *Decolonizing Discipline: Children, Corporal Punishment, Christian Theologies, and Reconciliation*, edited by Valerie Michaelson and Joan E. Durrant (Manitoba University Press, 2020), 108-122.
- “Rethinking Christian Theologies of Discipline and Discipleship,” in *Decolonizing Discipline*, 152-160.
- “Children and Childhood,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Christmas*, edited by Timothy Larsen (Oxford University Press, 2020), 288-296.
- “Introduction,” co-authored with Reidar Aasgaard, in *Nordic Childhoods 1700-1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking*, co-edited by Marcia J. Bunge, Reidar Aasgaard, and Merethe Roos (New York: Routledge, 2018), 1-14.
- “‘A plain and cheerful, active life on earth’: Children, Education, and Faith in the Works of N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783–1872, Denmark),” in *Nordic Childhoods 1750-1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking*, co-edited by Marcia J. Bunge, Reidar Aasgaard, and Merethe Roos (Routledge, 2018), 111-130.
- “Conceptions of and Commitments to Children: Biblical Wisdom for Families, Congregations, and the Worldwide Church,” in *Faith Forward (Volume Three): Launching a Revolution through Ministry with Children, Youth, and Families*, edited by David M. Csinos (Wood Lake, 2018), 94-112.
- “Honoring Children,” review article for *Christian Century* 134, no. 5 (March 5, 2017), 36-38.
- “Task, sources and significance of theologies of childhood,” in *Theologies of Childhood and the Children of Africa*, edited by Jan Grobbelaar and Gert Breed (Durbanville, South Africa: Aosis Publishing, 2016).
- “Jewish and Christian Views of Childhood,” in *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Childhood Studies*, edited by Heather Montgomery (New York: Oxford University Press), www.oxfordbibliographies.com.
- “Faith Formation in an Interfaith World: Passing on the Faith to Children Amidst the Realities of Religious Pluralism,” in *Theology, Mission and Child: Global Perspectives*, edited by Bill Prevette, Keith J. White, C. Rosalee Velloso Ewell, and D.J. Konz (Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2014), 201-214.

- “The Positive Role of Religion and Religious Communities in Child Protection” in *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal* 38:4 (April 2014), 562-566.
- Co-edited with Jill McLeigh; Seven articles in the “Directions” section of a special journal issue on “Religion and Child Protection” for *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal* (April 2014).
- “Christianity’s Commitments to Nurturing and Protecting Children: Biblical Foundations” in *Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal* 38:4 (April 2014), 576-584.
- “The Child in the Bible,” in *Growing in Wisdom: Religious Education in Catholic Primary Schools and Early Childhood*, edited by Jan Grajczonek and Maurice Ryan (Hamilton, Australia: Lumino, 2014), 1-11.
- “Practices for Nurturing the Best Love of and by Children: A Protestant Theological Perspective” in *The Best Love of the Child: Being Loved and Being Taught to Love as the First Human Right*, edited by Timothy P. Jackson (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2011), 226-250.
- “Conceptions of Children and Our Obligations to Them: Multifaceted Perspectives from Judaism and Christianity,” in *Negotiating Childhoods* (papers from the 2010 “1st Global Conference: Childhood” held in Oxford), edited by Lucy Hopkins, Mark Macleod, and Wendy C. Turgeon, volume 143 of “Probing the Boundaries” series (Oxford: Inter-Disciplinary Press, 2011), 53-63.
- “Childlikeness, Spirituality,” *The Dictionary of Christian Spirituality*, edited by Glen G. Scorgie (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), 350-351.
- “Child, Children: Greco-Roman-Antiquity and New Testament,” *The Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* (EBR), edited by Kristina Dronsch (Berlin, Germany: Walter de Gruyter, forthcoming).
- “Childhood, Children,” *The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*, edited by Dawn DeVries and Brian Gerrish (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, forthcoming).
- “The Vocation of Children and Parents: Sacred Vision and Spiritual Practices,” in *Children’s Voices. Children’s Perspectives in Ethics, Theology, and Religious Education*, edited by Annemie Dillen and Didier Pollefeyt (Leuven, Belgium: BETL, Peeters-Publishing, 2010), 329-356.
- “Christianity,” chapter co-edited with John Wall in *Children and Childhood in World Religions: Primary Sources and Texts*, edited and introduced by Don Browning and Marcia J. Bunge (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press: 2009), 83-149.
- “Children, the Image of God, and Christology: Theological Anthropology in Solidarity with Children,” in *Who is Jesus Christ for Us Today?*, edited by Andreas Schuele and Günter Thomas (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox, 2009), 167-184.
- “Biblical and Theological Perspectives on Children, Parents, and ‘Best Practices’ for Faith Formation: Resources for Child, Youth, and Family Ministry Today,” in *Dialog* 47 (Winter 2008): 348-360. Sections of this article were republished in *Lutheran Partners* 25.4 (July/August 2009): 16-21; in *Understanding Children’s Spirituality: Theology, Research, and Practice*, edited by Kevin Lawson (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2012), 1-25; and in the journal, *The Christian Citizen* (Volume 2, 2013): 18-19.
- “Theologies of Childhood and Child Theologies: International Initiatives to Deepen Reflection on Children and Childhood in the Academy and Religious Communities,” in *Dharma Deepika: A South Asian Journal of Missiological Research* 28 (July-December 2008): 33-53.
- “The Vocation of the Child: Theological Perspectives on the Particular and Paradoxical Roles and Responsibilities of Children,” in *The Vocation of the Child*, edited by Patrick McKinley Brennan (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2008), 31-52.
- “The Vocation of Parenting: A Biblically and Theologically Informed Perspective,” in *Understanding God’s Heart for Children: Toward a Biblical Framework*, edited by Douglas McConnell, Jennifer Orona, Paul Stockley (World Vision: 2007), 53-65.
- “Beyond Children as Agents or Victims: Reexamining Children’s Paradoxical Strengths and Vulnerabilities with Resources from Christian Theologies of Childhood and Child Theologies,” in *The Given Child: The Religions’ Contribution to Children’s Citizenship*, edited by Trygve Wyller and Usha S. Nayar (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2007), 27-50.
- “The Dignity and Complexity of Children: Constructing Christian Theologies of Childhood,” in *Nurturing Child and Adolescent Spirituality*, edited by Karen Marie Yust, Aostre N. Johnson, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, and Eugene C. Roehlkepartain (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006), 53-68.
- “The Child, Religion, and the Academy: Developing Robust Theological and Religious Understandings of Children and Childhood,” *Journal of Religion* 86.4 (October 2006): 549-578.

- “Theological and Biblical Perspectives on Children: Rediscovering the Value of Children and Renewing Our Commitment to Them,” *The Complete Guide to Godly Play*, volume 5 (Denver, CO: Living the Good News, 2005).
- “Historical Perspectives on Children in the Church: Resources for Spiritual Formation and a Theology of Childhood Today,” *Children’s Spirituality: Christian Perspectives, Research, and Applications*, edited by Donald Ratcliff (Eugene, OR: Cascade Books: 2004): 42-53.
- “A More Vibrant Theology of Children,” *Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics* 8 (Summer 2003): 11-19. Versions of this article also appear in the following: “Retrieving a Biblically Informed View of Children: Implications for Religious Education, a Theology of Childhood, and Social Justice,” *Lutheran Education* (Winter 2003): 72-87; *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (online journal, 2004); and “Rediscovering the Dignity and Complexity of Children: Resources from the Christian Tradition,” in *Sewanee Theological Review* 48 (Christmas, 2004): 51-64.
- “Childhood,” *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, edited by Hans Hillerbrand (New York, NY: Routledge, 2003).
- “Children, the Church, and the Domestic Church: Supporting Parents in the Task of Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children,” *New Theology Review* 14, no. 3 (August 2001): 5-16.
- “Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children: Resources from the Christian Tradition,” *The Cresset* (Easter 2001).
- “Education and the Child in 18th Century German Pietism: Perspectives from the Work of A. H. Francke,” *The Child in Christian Thought*, edited and introduced by Marcia Bunge. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans (2001).

Vocation and Church-Related Higher Education

- “Vocation and the Dynamics of Discernment,” in *So That All May Flourish: The Aims of Lutheran Higher Education*, co-edited by Marcia J. Bunge, Jason A. Mahn, and Martha E. Stortz (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2023), 13-30.
- “Love-songs to Loam: Motivating Youth to Make a Difference by Engaging Religion and Science,” *Advances in Soil Science: Soil Degradation and Restoration in Africa*, edited by Rattan Lal and B.A. Stewart (Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, 2020), 325-329.
- “Rooted and Open as Resource for Expanding Opportunities on your Own Campus,” co-written with Kathi Tunheim, *Intersections* 49 (2019), 31-34.
- “Key Features of the College’s Core Values and Lutheran Heritage,” *Rooted in Heritage, Open to the World: Reflections on the Distinctive Character of Gustavus Adolphus College*, edited by Marcia J. Bunge (Minneapolis, MN: Lutheran University Press, 2017), pp. 15-33.
- “Our Calling in Education: Working Together to Generate a Strong Social Statement on Public Schools, Lutheran Schools and College, and the Faith Formation of Children and Young People,” *Intersections* (Summer 2006): 6-14.
- “Religion and the Curriculum at Church-Related Colleges,” *Professing in the Postmodern Academy: Faculty and the Future of Church-Related Colleges*, edited by Stephen R. Haynes (Waco: Baylor U. Press, 2002): 247-266.
- “Renewing a Sense of Vocation at Lutheran Colleges and Universities: Insights from a Project at Valparaiso University,” *Intersections* (Summer 2002): 11-18.
- “Introduction to Valparaiso University in the Context of Lutheran Higher Education,” *The Lutheran Reader*, edited by Paul Contino and David Morgan (booklet published by Valparaiso University, 1999), pp. 1-9.
- Introductory editorial for issue on “Faith and Learning,” *Dialog* (Spring 1997).

Contemporary Theology and Ethics (Feminist Theologies; Environmental Ethics; Bonhoeffer)

- Public statement on “Stop Misusing Dietrich Bonhoeffer to Support Political Violence and Christian Nationalism.” Co-authored with Lori Brandt Hale, Stephen Haynes, and Victoria Barnett (from the USA) and Arnd Henze, Florian Hühne, Wolfgang Huber, and Heinrich Bedford-Strohm (from Germany). Published in *Die Zeit* and posted on the International Bonhoeffer Society (October 17, 2024). See: <https://bonhoeffersociety.org/>
- Theological Reflections on Acts 7: 55-60 and John 14:15-21 for *Good Preacher/Lectionary Homiletics* (May 2011), 67-68, 76-77.
- “Christian Faith and Environmental Ethics: Martin Luther’s *The Freedom of a Christian* and Aldo Leopold’s *Sand County Almanac*,” *AGORA* (Spring 1994).
- “Biblical Views of Nature: Foundations for an Environmental Ethic,” *Care of the Earth*, edited by Tina B. Krause (Chicago: The Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1994).

Materials for “Care of Creation,” *Our Children at Risk: Hope for Our Future Together*—an educational resource for the ELCA (Minneapolis: Augsburg-Fortress Press, 1991).

“Modelle feministischer Bibelauslegung,” *Jahrbuch für biblische Theologie* 6 (1991): 285-297.

“The Church and the Cry for Freedom,” *Story* (Spring 1990).

“The Church’s Key Role in East German Changes,” *The Metro Lutheran* (March 1990).

“Früchte des Mutes: Beobachtungen am Leipziger Ring,” *Evangelische Kommentare* (January 1990).

“Ethical and Theological Arguments for Peace: An Examination of the Roman Catholic and Methodist Statements of Peace,” *Peace and Justice: Toward an Ecumenical Peace Ethic*, edited by Götz Planer-Friedrich (Geneva: LWF Studies, 1990). Parallel issue in German: *Frieden und Gerechtigkeit: Auf dem Weg zu einer ökumenischen Friedensethik*, (München: Kaiser, 1989).

“Feminism in Different Voices: Resources for the Church,” *Word & World* (Fall 1988).

Two devotions for Advent in *The Better Part* (Lutheran Women’s Caucus, 1986).

“Sisters in Germany,” *The Well Woman* (Winter/Spring 1985).

“Classification of Religions,” *Encyclopedia Britannica Micropedia*, 1985.

J. G. Herder, 19th Century Theology, and Hermeneutics

“J. G. Herder’s View of Religion,” *Religionsgeschichte und Gnosisforschung*, edited by Holger Preißler and Hubert Seiwert (Marburg: Diagonal, 1994). A similar version of this article is in *THEION: Jahrbuch für Religionskultur/Annual for Religious Culture* (1995).

“Herder’s View of the Gospels and the Quest of the Historical Jesus,” *Johann Gottfried Herder: Geschichte und Kultur*, edited by Martin Bollacher. Würzburg: Verlag Königshausen and Neumann GmbH, 1994.

“Herder and the Origins of a Historical View of Religion: An Informative Perspective for Historical Theology Today,” *Revisioning the Past: Prospects in Historical Theology*, edited by Mary Potter Engel and Walter E. Wyman, Jr. (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1992), 171-190.

“Human Language of the Divine: Herder on Ways of Speaking about God,” *Herder Today: Contributions from the International Herder Conference at Stanford, California*, edited by Kurt Müller-Voller (Berlin/New York: Walter de Gruyter, 1990), 304-318.

“Text and Reader in Herder’s Interpretations of the New Testament,” *Johann Gottfried Herder: Language, History and the Enlightenment*, edited by Wulf Koepke (Columbia: Camden House, 1990), 138-150.

“Johann Gottfried Herder’s Auslegung des Neuen Testaments,” *Historische Kritik und biblischer Kanon in der deutschen Aufklärung*, edited by Henning Graf Reventlow, Walter Sparr, and John Woodbridge (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 1988), Wolfenbütteler Forschungen, 41.

“J.G. Herder’s Affirmation of Biblical Diversity and His Reassessment of Biblical Authority,” *Papers of the 19th Century Theology Working Group*, Vol. 10 (1984). Berkeley, CA: Graduate Theological Union.

Edited Conference Papers

Views of God and Nature in 19th Century Theology and Literature in *Papers of the Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group* (1994). Edited by Marcia Bunge and Sheila Briggs. Printed by the GTU (Berkeley, CA).

Religion and Gender in 19th Century Literature in *Papers of the Nineteenth Century Theology Working Group* (1990). Edited by Marcia Bunge and Gerda Schmidt. Printed by the GTU (Berkeley, CA).

Edited International Booklets on Child Theology

Editor of a Series of Booklets on Child Theology published by *The Child Theology Movement Limited* (London):

1. *Child Theology and the African Context* by Jan Grobbelaar (2012).
2. *Experimenting Together: One Way of Doing Child Theology* by Haddon Willmer (2007).
3. *Child Theology for the Churches in Asia: An Invitation* by Sunny Tan (2007).
4. *An Introduction to Child Theology* by Keith J. White and Haddon Willmer (2006).

Contributor to *Toddling to the Kingdom: Child Theology at Work in the Church*. Edited by John Collier (2008).

Translations of Published Books and Articles

German translation of article on children and the image of God: “Kinder, das Bild Gottes und die Christologie. Theologische Anthropologie in Solidarität mit Kindern,” *Evangelische Theologie* 71 (2011), 165-178.

Spanish translation of selected chapters of *The Child in Christian Thought: Los niños: en el pensamiento evangélico*. Buenos Aires, Argentina: Ediciones Kairos, 2008.

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Reviews

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Catharina J. M. Halkes’s *New Creation: Christian Feminism and the Renewal of the Earth* (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox, 1991) in *Word and World* (Fall 1993).
Karl Morrison’s *I Am You: The Hermeneutics of Empathy in Western Literature, Theology, and Art* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1988) in the *Journal of Religion* (April 1990).
Anne Carr’s *Transforming Grace* (New York: Harper and Row, 1988) in *Interpretation* (January 1990).
Friedrich Hölderlin: *Essays and Letters on Theory*, translated and edited by Thomas Pfau (New York: State University of New York Press, 1988) in *Religious Studies Review* (January 1990).
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Michael Ferber’s *The Social Vision of William Blake* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1985) in *The Journal of Religion* (July 1987).
J.G. O’Flaherty’s *Johann Georg Hamann* (Boston: Twayne, 1979) in *The Journal of Religion* (June 1983).

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, WEBINARS (selected)

Religious Understandings of Children and Childhood

Speaker on my chapter titled “Lutheran Commitments to Children and Child Wellbeing: Theological Foundations and Contemporary Challenges” in *Here We Stand: A Lutheran Response to Child Abuse* for a national webinar co-hosted by the volume’s editors, Craig L. Nesson and Victor I. Vieth (March 2026).
Inaugural Speaker for the Berryman Lecture Series on “Honoring Children’s Full Humanity: Berryman’s Sacred Gift, Our Shared Calling” hosted by the Center for the Theology of Childhood (November 2025).
Speaker at a national gathering of over 300 faith leaders who received major grants focused on “Strengthening Ministry with Children” from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. (held in Indianapolis, October 2025).
Speaker on my book, *Child Theology: Diverse Methods and Global Perspectives*, for a webinar hosted by the international Child Theology Movement (October 2024).
Speaker on “Setting the Stage: Lutheran Foundations for Promoting Child Wellbeing and Addressing Child Maltreatment” for the national Lutheran Ethicists’ Network Gathering on the theme of “Protecting Children: What Is the Role of the ELCA?” (January 2024).
Lecture on “Theology of the Child” for a course on “The Wellbeing of the Child: Promotion, Protection, Rights,” directed by Prof. Dr. Myriam Wijlens and Yeshica Umaña Calderón, University of Erfurt, Germany (June 2023, January and June 2024, January 2025).
“Nordic Childhoods 1750-1960: From Folk Beliefs to Pippi Longstocking.” A public lecture hosted by Mindekirken, The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church in Minneapolis (April 2023).
Panelist for a webinar on “The Theology of the Child, Children’s Care, and Protection” hosted by the Collaborative on Global Children’s Issues at Georgetown University (March 2023).
Speaker for a course on “The Wellbeing of the Child: Promotion, Protection, Rights” offered by the Catholic Theology Faculty of the University of Erfurt, Germany (January 2023).
“Nurturing the Spiritual and Religious Lives of Children and Youth: Why and How.” A public lecture given in the Cathedral of Västerås, Sweden and hosted by the Office of Rev. Dr. Mikael Mogren, Bishop of the Diocese of Västerås (September 2019).
“Children in the Hymns of N.F.S. Grundtvig: A Regional Approach.” Paper presented for a panel on “The Present State of Research on Childhood in History: New Approaches and Findings,” the Annual Meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature held in Boston, Massachusetts (November 2017).
Plenary speaker on “Honoring the Full Humanity and Well-being of Children: The Power of Paradoxical, Biblically-based Theologies of Childhood” for a public event entitled “The Road to Reconciliation and the Protection of Children: Engaging with Theologies that Honor the Dignity of Children” and held at Queen’s University, Canada (October 2017). The second speaker for the event was the Reverend Mark MacDonald, the Anglican Indigenous Bishop of Canada.
Plenary speaker on Lutheran understandings of children and childhood for theological consultations hosted by the Church of Sweden (Skara Diocese) and by Uppsala University in Sweden (November 2016).

“Diverse Approaches to Child Theologies: Exploring Child Theology Projects in England, South Africa, and the United States.” Paper presented for panel on “Child Theologies: Rethinking Doctrines and Practices with Attention to Childhood,” the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (November 2015).

Plenary speaker, “Exploring Lutheran Commitments to Children and Youth: Theological Foundations, Spiritual Practices, and Creative Ministries in Today’s Pluralistic Contexts” for “Roots and Wings Workshop” of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA, Waynesboro, VA (October 2015).

Plenary speaker, “Children’s Spirituality in a Multi-Faith World: Challenges and Opportunities,” International Godly Play Conference held at The University of the South, Sewanee, TN (July 2015).

Plenary speaker, “Biblical Perspectives on Children and Our Obligations to Them: Wisdom for Families, Congregations, and the Worldwide Church,” Faith Forward Conference, Chicago, IL (April 2015).

“Theological Understandings of Children and Childhood in the Work of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and N.F.S. Grundtvig (1783-1872).” Paper presented at a conference on “Martin Luther and Grundtvig” hosted by the Grundtvig Study Centre at Aarhus University in Copenhagen, Denmark (January 2015).

Plenary speaker, “Biblical Perspectives on Children and Childhood: Implications for Christian Parenting, Youth, and Family Ministries and Faith-based Organizations” for a Conference on “Welcoming Africa’s Children in Church and Society” hosted by North-West University, Potchefstroom, South Africa” (August 2014).

Plenary speaker, “Understanding Lutheran Commitments to Children and Youth: Theological Foundations, Historical Perspectives, and Contemporary Initiatives,” Faith Conference, Gustavus Adolphus (April 2014).

Plenary speaker on biblical perspectives on children and childhood for workshops and public lectures at several colleges, seminaries, and faith-based organizations in Australia (July 2012).

Plenary speaker for an international and interdisciplinary conference on “Children and Religion” held at Aarhus University in Copenhagen, Denmark (May 2011).

Speaker for “Spotlight Panel” of an international and interdisciplinary conference on “Multiple Childhoods/Multidisciplinary Perspectives: Interrogating Normativity in Childhood Studies” held at Rutgers University (May 2011). Other panelists included Sarada Balagopalan (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, India), Robin Bernstein (Harvard University), and Roger Hart (City University).

“Childhood and Formation.” Plenary address for a national consultation on “Christian Formation” sponsored by the National Council of Churches, Education and Leadership Ministries Commission (April 2011).

Opening speaker for an international and ecumenical “Theological Conference on Children” held in Nairobi, Kenya (March 2011). Over one hundred participants from twenty-eight countries attended the conference. The conference uniquely brought together representatives from academic institutions, the World Council of Churches, and international faith-based organizations and networks that work with children at risk.

“Conceptions of Children and Our Obligations to Them: Multifaceted Perspectives from Judaism and Christianity.” Presentation for the “First Global Conference: Childhood,” an interdisciplinary and international consultation directed by Rob Fisher, funded by “Inter-Disciplinary.Net,” and held in Oxford, England (July 2010).

Plenary speaker for an international and interdisciplinary conference on “Changing Childhoods” held at the University of Chichester, England (July 2009).

Plenary speaker for an international conference on “Children’s Spirituality: Christian Perspectives” held in Chicago, IL (June 2009).

“Best Practices for Nourishing the Spiritual Lives of Children.” Speaker for the “2009 Christian Women’s Conference” held at Valparaiso University (April 2009).

Distinguished Lecturer on “Childhood and Faith Formation,” Bethel Seminary, San Diego (April 2008).

Invitations to speak at and participate in several international consultations on “Child Theology,” including consultations in Australia (2007), Malaysia (2004, 2006), Ethiopia (2006), and Houston, TX (2004).

“The Sacred Callings of Parents and Children.” Plenary lecture for the EVOKE Summer Institute at Loyola University of Chicago (May 2007).

“The Vocation of Children and Parents. Sacred Vision and Spiritual Practices.” Presented at an international conference entitled “Children’s Voices: Children’s Perspectives in Ethics, Theology and Religious Education” held at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium (January 2007).

“Theological Perspectives on Children in the Church: A Lutheran Understanding of the Vocation of the Child.” Workshop for the “Children’s Spirituality Conference” held in Chicago, IL (June 2006).

“Vocations of Children and Parents: Sacred Vision and Practical Guidelines”; and “Work, Faith, and Love: Blessings and Challenges of a Lutheran Theology of Vocation.” Plenary lectures for the Southwest Minnesota Synod Theological Conference (October 2006).

“The Vocation of Parenting: A Biblically and Theologically Informed Perspective.” Plenary address for the “International Cutting-Edge Conference” held in Cirencester, England (September 2005).

“Perspectives on the Child from the History of Christianity: Resources for Spiritual Formation, Theologies of Childhood, and Children’s Rights Today.” Paper presented at “Childhoods 2005: Children and Youth in Emerging and Transforming Societies” (an international and interdisciplinary conference attended by 1,000 participants from 92 countries) held at the University of Oslo in Oslo, Norway (June 2005).

“Theological Perspectives on Children and Childhood.” Plenary lecture for a regional conference on “Religious Education,” sponsored by the Parish of All Saints Church and the Center for the Theology of Childhood and held at the Parish of All Saints Church, Belmont, MA (November 2003).

“The Child in Christian Thought.” Plenary lecture for the annual gathering of Godly Play Trainers, held at Waycross Episcopal Camp and Conference Center (June 2003).

“Historical Perspectives on Children in the Church: Resources for Spiritual Formation and a Theology of Childhood Today.” Plenary lecture for an international conference on “Children’s Spirituality: Christian Perspectives,” sponsored in part by the Louisville Institute and held in Chicago, IL (June 2003).

Three public lectures sponsored by the Nassau Methodist Church and the National Department of Education of the Bahamas and held in Nassau, Bahamas (March 2003): “Let the Children Come: Rediscovering the Value of Children and Renewing Our Commitment to Them”; “John Wesley on Children and Education: Implications for Our Treatment of Children Today”; and “Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children in Contemporary Culture.”

“Practicing Our Faith at Home: How the Church Can Help Parents in Their Task of Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children.” Plenary lecture for a conference entitled “Practicing Our Faith” at the Vancouver School of Theology, Canada (February 2003).

“The Vocation of Parenting” and “Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children.” Series of lectures held during a two-week period at Holden Village Retreat Center in Washington State (August 2002).

“Children, Sexuality, and the Church” Workshop. Presented at an annual Leadership Conference of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago that focused on “Addressing Sexuality in the Church” (February 2002).

Panelist, Session on “Children, Marriage, and the Family,” for the Marriage and the Family Interest Group of the Society of Christian Ethics (January 2002).

Chair, Session on “Children and Childhood in the History of Christianity,” held at the American Society of Church History (January 2002).

“Nurturing the Moral and Spiritual Lives of Children: Resources from the Christian Tradition.” Presented at the Conference entitled “Forming Life/Forming Youth,” Valparaiso University (September 2000).

Vocation and Church-Related Higher Education

“Our Calling in Education: Working Together to Generate a Strong Social Statement on Public Schools, Lutheran Schools and Colleges, and the Faith Formation of Children and Young People.” Plenary lecture for “The Vocation of a Lutheran College,” held at Capital University (July 2005).

“Work, Faith, and Love: Blessings and Challenges of a Lutheran Theology of Vocation.” Plenary lecture for a joint meeting of the Conference of all ELCA Bishops and selected members of the Association of Teaching Theologians in Chicago, IL (January 2005).

“Work, Faith, and Love: Lutheran Perspectives on Vocation and Higher Education.” Plenary lecture for a special series on Lutheranism and Higher Education, held at Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, NC (March 2004).

“Vocation, Liberal Arts, and Civic Responsibility.” Presented at a national conference on “Vocation and Liberal Arts Education,” organized by Transylvania University and the National Division of Higher Education of the Christian Church and funded by the Lilly Endowment, Milwaukee, WI (June 2002).

Panelist, conference sponsored by the Lilly Endowment for those institutions that received grants for the project on “The Theological Exploration of Vocation” (September 2001).

“Renewing a Sense of Vocation at Lutheran Colleges and Universities.” Plenary lecture for the “Vocation of a Lutheran College” (a national conference sponsored by the ELCA), Valparaiso University (August 2001).

Contemporary Theology and Ethics (primarily Feminist Theologies and Environmental Ethics)

Respondent to Parchman Endowed Lecture by Jürgen Moltmann. Conference sponsored by the George W. Truett Theological Seminary and held at Baylor University (March 2000).

“Lutheran Theology and Environmental Responsibility.” Presented at the Conference entitled “Luther for the Twenty-first Century,” St. Olaf College (July 1996).

“Christian Faith and Environmental Ethics: Martin Luther’s *The Freedom of a Christian* and Aldo Leopold’s *Sand County Almanac*.” Presented in the “Seminal Text Lecture Series,” Luther College (March 1994).

Participant in a panel on “Theology and Ecology” at the Regional AAR/SBL in St. Paul, MN (April 1993).

“Feminism and Lutheranism.” Presented at Decorah Lutheran Church (1991), at St. Olaf Lutheran Church (February 1992), and for Luther College’s Women’s Club (February 1992).

“The Church and Environmental Responsibility and Lutheranism and Feminism: Perspectives from the First International Consultation of Lutheran Women Theologians.” Presented at the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Retreat (September 1991).

“Theological Grounds for Environmental Responsibility.” Presented at the Northeast Iowa Synod Convention of Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (April 1991).

“Feminist Perspectives: Resources for the Church and Changes in East Germany and the Role of the Church: An Eyewitness Account.” Presented at the Southeastern Minnesota Synod Retreat (May 1990).

Five lectures on “Theology and the Arts.” Presented for a “Theoprobe Conference for Lutheran Clergy” in Winter Park, CO (February 1990).

“An American Professor in Leipzig, Fall 1989.” Presented for “Mid-Winter Convocation” at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (January 1990).

“Changes in East Germany and the Church’s Involvement in Them.” Presented at several churches and conferences in the Midwest, including the Crosstown Conference Council in Minneapolis, MN (1990).

“Aspekte feministischer Hermeneutik.” Presented at the “Sprachkonvikt” in East Berlin and at the Martin Luther University in Halle, East Germany (Fall 1989).

Two lectures on “Feminism and the Church.” Presented at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN (April 1989).

“Theological Reflection on Ways of Speaking About God.” Presented at a conference on spirituality, College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN (April 1989).

Four Lectures on Arts and Theology (“Theology and Literature,” “Theology and Music,” “Theology and Painting,” and “Theological Criteria for Judging the Use of the Arts in Worship”). Presented at a conference entitled “Suffering, Hope, and Praise,” Pacific Lutheran University. Other main speakers were Johan Christiaan Beker and Jose Mignez-Bonino (July 1988).

“Feminist Perspectives on Interpretation” and “Theological Grounds for Peace: Toward an Ecumenical Consultation.” Presented at a continuing education seminar at Luther Seminary (February 1988).

“Worship and the Arts” and “Recital with Reflections from Selected Theologians.” Presented at a continuing education seminar hosted by Luther Seminary (November 1987).

“Religion and Literature: Tracing the Interfaces.” Presented at a continuing education seminar hosted by Luther Seminary entitled “The Interface of Literature and the Arts for Preaching” (February 1987).

“Currents in the Field of Religion and Literature.” Presented at a continuing education seminar hosted by Luther Seminary entitled “Across Disciplines: Issues and Update in Contemporary Theology” (January 1986).

“Religion and Literature: The Rise and Dispersion of a Field of Study.” Presented at a conference entitled “Faith, Imagination, and the Arts,” Central Missouri State University (April 1986).

“The Ethical and Theological Argumentation of the Documents on Peace Written by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and by the United Methodist Council of Bishops.” Presented at Consultation entitled “Theology of Just Peace,” sponsored by the LWF, and held in Bad-Boll, West Germany (December 1987).

J. G. Herder and 19th Century Theology

“Herder and the Historical Study of Religion.” Presented at a conference on the rise of disciplines in the nineteenth century sponsored by the University of Virginia (April 1990).

“Human Language of the Divine: Herder on Ways of Speaking about God.” Presented at an international, interdisciplinary conference entitled “Herder Today,” Stanford University (November 1987).

“Johann Gottfried Herders Auslegung des Neuen Testaments.” Presented at a conference entitled “Historische Kritik und biblischer Kanon in Deutschland im 18. Jahrhundert,” Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel, West Germany (December 1985).

“Textual Criticism in Herder’s Interpretation of the New Testament.” Presented at the “First National Conference on Johann Gottfried Herder,” sponsored by the Herder Study Group and held at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, Monterey, CA (November 1985).

“J.G. Herder’s Affirmation of Biblical Diversity and His Reassessment of Biblical Authority.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the AAR, session of the 19th Century Theology Group (December 1984).

Lecture on Herder. Presented in Brian Gerrish’s course on 18th and 19th century Christian thought, The University of Chicago (Spring 1984).

SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIONS (selected)

Participant and Project Contributor, Closing Event for Contributors to the interdisciplinary and international research project on “Character Development, Ethical Education and Value Transmission in Late Modern Pluralistic Societies,” directed by Michael Welker (Heidelberg University) and John Witte (Emory University). Event was held at Heidelberg University, Germany (December 2024).

Campus Representative, Conference on “Vocation of a Lutheran College.” Sponsored by the ELCA. Attended meetings held at Wittenberg College (August 1998) and Augsburg College (1996 and 2013 to the present).

Campus Representative, “ELCA Colleges and Universities: Interfaith Understanding Conference.” Hosted by Augustana College, Rock Island with lectures by Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Eboo Patel (June 2014).

Campus Representative, White House-hosted event to kick-off President Obama’s “Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.” Invited along with representatives from 250 other campuses (August 2011).

Participant and Presenter, Collegeville Institute Seminar on “Theology of Vocation,” directed by Kathleen Cahalan and held at Saint John’s University School of Theology (May 2010).

Participant and Presenter, “Consultation on the Study of Children, Youth, and Culture,” directed by Allan Cole and held at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary (April 2010).

Participant and Presenter, Pastoral Leadership Consultation, “The Well-Lived Pastoral Life.” Sponsored by the Louisville Institute (March 2008).

Participant, Ten Day Fact-Finding Trip to Israel/Palestine. One of eleven leaders of the ELCA invited to participate by “Christians for Fair Witness in the Middle East” (November 2008).

Participant, Special joint meeting of the Conference of all ELCA Bishops and selected members of the Association of Teaching Theologians. Sponsored by the ELCA; held in Chicago, IL (2005 and 2008).

Participant and Presenter, “The Best Love of the Child” Interdisciplinary Consultation, directed by Timothy Jackson and held at Emory University (September 2006, September 2007).

Participant and Presenter, “The Vocation of the Child” Interdisciplinary Consultation, directed by Patrick Brennan and held at Emory University (August 2005).

Participant, Series of discussions on “Nature, Polis, Ethics.” Sponsored by the Hastings Center (1999-2003).

Participant and Presenter, “Consultation on Religion and Children,” directed by Robert Orsi (1999-2000).

Participant, ELCA’s national “Conference of Teaching Theologians.” Sponsored by the ELCA. Attended meetings held at Carthage College (August 2001); Chicago, IL (August 1996); and Chicago, IL (August 1992).

Participant, Conference on “Bible and Theology.” Sponsored by Princeton Theological Seminary, funded by a Lilly Grant, and held in Chicago (October 1994).

Presenter, International Conference on J.G. Herder. Sponsored by the *Stiftung Weimarer Klassik* and the International Herder Society and held in Weimar, Germany (August 1994).

LWF Representative, the “Global Assembly of Women and the Environment: Partners in Life,” an international conference organized in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. Sponsored by the Senior Women’s Advisory Group to the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme. Held in Miami, FL (November 1991).

Participant and US Representative, First “International Conference of Lutheran Women Theologians.” Sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation and held in Helsinki, Finland (August 1991).

Participant in a national conference on “Caring for Creation.” Sponsored by the North American Conference on Religion and Ecology. Speakers included Jürgen Moltmann and Carl Sagan. Washington, D.C. (May 1990).

Seminary Representative, International “LWF Working Group on Other Faiths.” Sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation and Dr. J. Paul Rajashekar (May 1990).

Participant, Conference on “Peace and Politics.” Sponsored by Emory University and the Carter Library. Speakers included Jimmy Carter, Jürgen Moltmann, and Jose Miguez-Bonino. Held in Atlanta, GA (April 1988).

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Previous Teaching Positions

W.C. Dickmeyer Professor: Christ College, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (2010-2012)
Professor of Humanities and Theology: Christ College, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN (2003-2012);
Associate Professor (1997-2003; tenured 1997)
Associate Professor, Dept. of Religion: Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN (1995-1997)
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Religion and Philosophy: Luther College, Decorah, IA (1990-1995; tenured 1994)
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Systematic Theology: Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN (1985-1990)
Instructor: Laurentius Gymnasium, Neuendettelsau, West Germany (1976-1977)

Visiting Professorships

Professor for Study Abroad Courses in Germany: Luther College (1993); Valparaiso University (2003, 2006);
Gustavus Adolphus College (1996, 2017)
Visiting Professor for Ph.D. program in Holistic Child Development: Asia Graduate School of Theology,
Philippines (Summers, 2013, 2017)
Visiting Professor for annual “Compact Seminar” (two days) on “Theologies of Childhood”: Heidelberg
University, Germany (2006-2009)
Visiting Professor of Systematic Theology: *Theologisches Seminar Leipzig*, Leipzig, East Germany (Fall 1989)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies: Knox College, Galesburg, IL (Spring 1985)

Graduate School Opportunities

Organist at Bond Chapel (1982-84), United Church of Hyde Park (1983-84), and University Church (1982)
Research Assistant, University of Chicago (1982-85)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
Society of Christian Ethics
Association of Teaching Theologians
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Higher Education Convening Group of the Minnesota Multifaith Network

LANGUAGES

Fluent in German; studied French, Latin, Greek (Koine)

PROFESSIONAL WORK ABROAD

See “Visiting Professorships and Additional Professional Experience,” “Lectures and Presentations,” and
“Consultations” above. Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Canada, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic,
England, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Kenya, Malaysia, Norway, Philippines, Scotland,
South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland. (Have also traveled to China, the Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Mexico,
Romania, and Singapore.)

REFERENCES

Reidar Aasgaard (Professor Emeritus, University of Oslo, Norway)
Hannelie Yates (Professor, North-West University, South Africa)
Michael Welker (Professor Emeritus, Heidelberg University, Germany)