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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Theology, Ethics, and Human Sciences** 2010
Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL.
Area of Study: Theology, Ethics, and Critical Social Theory
Dissertation: "Liberation and Economy: Marx, Dussel, and Contemporary Approaches to Theology and Economy"
Advisor: Dr. Laurel Schneider
- Masters of Theological Studies** 2001
Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Missouri
Concentration in Church and Society
Thesis: "A Return to Zion: A Look at the Development of the Tradition that Defines the Community of Christ in Society"
- B.A. in Psychology, *cum laude*** 1996
Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa

ADMINISTRATION, LEADERSHIP, AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Lead, Human Resource Ministries, Community of Christ 2018-Present
- Human Resources Director for global denomination
 - Oversees Human Resource operations for nearly 200 employees throughout the world
 - Responsible for strategic human resource functions: budget, benefits, hiring, compliance, and compensation;
 - Coordinates with denominational leaders on strategic mission, transition, and support of local ministry staff;
 - Key skills: Collaboration, feedback, budget management, problem solving, independent research, legal compliance, cultural sensitivity, compensation analytics, decision-making and relational skills
- Dean, Community of Christ Seminary at Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa 2015-2018
- Oversees academic affairs of Masters of Arts in Religion
 - Responsible for budget, enrollment, marketing and development of seminary programs
 - Supervises and reviews faculty and seminary professionals

- Instructor: RELG5011 Christian Theology; RELG6240 Contemporary Theologies and Culture; RELG6900 Christian Ethics for Mission
- Academic Advisor for all Masters of Arts in Religion students
- Member of University Executive Council
- Chief Liaison to Seminary Advisory Committee, University Board of Trustees

Faculty, Instructor Undergraduate Courses in Religion and Philosophy 2011-Present

- Part-time faculty teaching in undergraduate Religion and Philosophy

Campus Minister, Graceland University, Lamoni Iowa 2011-2015

- Director of Religious Life program of over 100 scheduled activities each semester
- Responsible for Associate Campus Minister, two Graduate Interns in Campus Ministries
- Pastor of university congregation
- Advisor, Council of House Chaplains
- Lead student leaders responsible for on-campus worship, interfaith dialogue, and social justice events

Mission Center President, Community of Christ, Chicago, Illinois 2008-2011

- Oversaw thirteen Community of Christ congregations, pastors, and church campground in Chicagoland area
- Chair of Mission Center Council, Mission Center Conference
- Regular preaching, teaching, and consultancy in local congregations

Teaching Assistant, Chicago Theological Seminary 2004-2005

- Teaching Assistant for courses Constructive Theology, Christian Ethics, Religion in America
- Edited and advised students in Masters of Divinity theses projects
- Guest lecturer

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT OR DEVELOPED

- RELG6900 Advanced Practice in Ministry – Christian Ethics for Mission
- RELG6240 Contemporary Theologies and Cultures
- RELG5011 Christian Theology
- RELG3900 God and Sex
- RELG3550 Ministries of the Church
- RELG2900A Consumerism and Christianity
- RELG2900B Life & Writings of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
- RELG2220 Religion and Social Justice
- RELG2100 Introduction to Religion

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Associate Pastor, Highlands Community of Christ, Kansas City, Missouri 2001-2003

- Responsible to Senior Pastor for Leading Contemporary Worship, Outreach, Budget Development
- Skills: Pastoral Care, Teaching, and Preaching Ministries

Midlands Mission Center Youth Minister, Kansas City, Missouri 1997-2001

- Organizer of united youth program for Kansas City & Far West Stakes, Kaw Valley
- Team responsible eight-week camping program & local youth programs

Licensed Securities Agent, American Century Mutual Funds, Kansas City, Missouri 1996-1997

- Investment Representative for Securities and Investments
- Series 6/63 Licensed

PUBLICATIONS

Chapter, “Contemporary Theology as Dialogue: The Evolution of Modern Theology” in *Religion Matters: The Contemporary Relevance of Religion*, ed by Paul Babie and Rick Sarre (Singapore: Springer, 2020)

“Deconstructing the Myth of Apostasy and Restoration: Community of Christ’s Recovery of the Story of Restoration in Trinitarian Perspective” in the Restoration Studies section of the John Whitmer Historical Association Journal Fall/Winter 2019, Volume 39, No. 2, pp 93-102.

Book Review, Dale Luffman, *The Witness of the Book of Mormon to its First Readers* (Independence: Community of Christ Press, 2013) for John Whitmer Historical Association Journal Fall/Winter 2017

“Humanity” and “Sin,” chapters for *Community of Christ Basic Beliefs* (Independence: Herald House, forthcoming)

“In Service of the Body of Christ,” *Restoration Studies XII: Theology and Culture in the Community of Christ and the Latter Day Saint Movement*, ed. Peter A Judd (John Whitmer Books, Community of Christ Seminary Press, 2011)

“We, Children of the Temple, Who Long for a Prophetic and Public Faith” in *Theology, vol 14: Religion and Public Life*, eds Ruth Ann Wood and Peter A. Judd. (Independence: Graceland Press, 2006)

“Section 161:1a: Life Beyond Anti-Fundamentalism and Liberal Retreat” in *Theology, vol 13: Clashing Worldviews: Evangelicalism, Fundamentalism, and the Community of Christ*, eds. Ruth Ann Wood and Dale E. Luffman. (Independence: Graceland Press, 2005)

“A Babyboomer Transformation: The Current Generation of Leadership and the Remaking of the Reorganized Church” in *Theology, vol 12: Theologies across the Generations*, eds Ruth Ann Wood and Suzanne Trehitt McLaughlin. (Independence, Graceland Press, 2004)

“Historical Beginnings, 1830-1844;” “Remnant versus Leaven;” “the Church’s Mission,” in *Changing Concepts of Zion*, ed. Pam Robison (Independence: Herald House, 2002)

“Christ’s Spiritual Body?!: A Reflection on What’s Wrong with the Church in North America,” in *Paths of Peace: Seeds of Spirit, Harvest of Shalom*, ed. Carolyn Brock, Brad Martell, & Andrew Bolton (Independence: Herald House, 2002)

“Welcoming the Stranger – Tradition” in *Scripture, Tradition, and My Life: A Peace and Justice Study Guide*, ed. Kelly Phipps (Independence: Herald House)

PRESENTATIONS

“Deconstructing the Myth of Apostasy and Restoration: Community of Christ’s Recovery of the Story of Restoration in Trinitarian Perspective,” John Whitmer Historical Association Annual Conference, Blue Springs, Missouri; September 2018.

“Sharing Faith with Your Kids,” with Dr. Margo Frizzell, Encountering God at Home: Spiritual Retreat for Families; Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri, April 7-9 2017

“Rule-Based Morality and Principle Centered Ethics,” Denominational Leadership of Community of Christ, World Church Leadership Council. Translated into French and Spanish. Independence, Missouri, September 2016

Keynote Address, “Our Mission: Luke 4:14-21,” Seminary Installation Service, Community of Christ Temple, Independence, Missouri; January 24, 2016.

“Environmental Stewardship” Environmental Symposium, Graceland University. Lamoni, Iowa, October 2015

“In Service to the Body of Christ” Convocation Address, Community of Christ Seminary. Independence, Missouri, January 2010.

“Spirituality of the Rising Generation” Paper presentation, Restoration Studies Symposium, Independence, Missouri, April 2008

“Raising Kids in a Queer Community: Living with Sexual Difference” Presentation, Theology and Ministry Forum, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri, February 2007

“Unchoosing the Chosen Myth and Dreaming the Dream of Dignity: Robert Bellah and Martin Luther King Jr. on the Religious Anthropology of American Civil Religion Post 9/11,” Paper presentation, Midwest American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Illinois. April 2005.

“Defining Reconstruction” Presentation, Community of Christ and Post-Deconstruction, Independence, Missouri, September 2002.

“Christ’s Spiritual Body?!: A Reflection on What’s Wrong with the Church in North America,” Paper presentation, Peace Colloquy, Independence, Missouri, November 2001

“Running from Heaven: Salvation as Social Justice,” Theological Lecture Series, Community of Christ World Headquarters, Independence, Missouri, December 2001

“Modern Christians and The Church: Finding Morality, Empathy, and Justice in The Practices of the Church.” Paper presentation, Peace Colloquy, Independence, Missouri, November 2000.

DENOMINATIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Human Rights Team, Community of Christ 2020-Present

University Executive Council 2015-2018

Seminary Advisory Committee, Graceland University 2014-2018

Peace Studies Committee, Graceland University, Lamoni, Iowa 2014-2015

Denominational Council, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri	2010-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead Professional Advisory council for denomination • Provides academic and professional perspectives on theological, ethical, and administrative issues for the denomination 	
Theology Formation Team, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri	2013-Present
Human Sexuality, Faith, and Community Team, Community of Christ, Independence, Missouri	2010-2013
Presidential Search Committee, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois	2006-2007

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society of Human Resource Management
- American Academy of Religion