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Education

Ph.D., Religious Studies in History, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1996

Dissertation: *In Public Defense of the Ministry of Moses: Luther's Enarratio on Psalm 90, 1534-1535*. Dr. Kenneth Hagen, Director.

M.Th., Systematic Theology, Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, 1986.

Thesis: *Luther's View of Death*, Dr. Gerhard Forde, Director.

M.Div., Western Evangelical Theological Seminary, Portland, Oregon, 1980.

Thesis: *Word and Sacrament: An Introduction to Luther's Sacramental Theology*, Dr. Stanley Johnson, Director.

B.A., Biblical Literature, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington, 1975.

Publications

Books:

Reformation Celebration: The Significance of Scripture, Grace, Faith, and Christ. Gordon L. Isaac and Eckhard J. Schnabel, editors. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2018.

Prayer, Meditation, and Spiritual Trial: Luther's Account of Life in the Spirit. Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson Publishers, 2017.

Great Awakenings: Historical Perspectives for Today. David Horn & Gordon L. Isaac, editors. Peabody, MA: Hendrickson Publishers, 2016.

Left Behind or Left Befuddled: The Subtle Dangers of Popularizing the End Times. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2008.

Articles:

"Luther on Prayer, Meditation, and Spiritual Trial," Proceedings of the Braaten/Benne Lectures 2017. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018 (forthcoming).

- “The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation,” *Advent Christian Witness*, (Fall 2017): 10-15.
- “Articles on ‘The Leipzig Debate’ and ‘Thomas Cajetan,’” in *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, Mark Lamport editor, Rowman& Littlefield Publishers, 2017.
- “Articles on ‘Colporteur,’ ‘Hosea Ballou,’ ‘Joshua V. Himes,’ ‘The Advent Christian Church,’ ‘The Primitive Advent Christian Church,’” in *Encyclopedia of Christianity in the United States*, Mark Lamport editor, Rowman& Littlefield Publishers, 2015.
- “The Extinction of Evil: The Biblical Prerequisite for New Heavens, New Earth” in *A Consuming Passion: Essays on Hell and Immortality in Honor of Edward Fudge*. Eugene Oregon: Pickwick Publications, 2015. Pages 65-79.
- “Christ the Meaning of All Scripture,” *Advent Christian Witness*, (Spring 2014):8-23.
- “The Finnish School of Luther Interpretation on Justification: Response and Trajectories,” *CTQ* 76 (2012): 251-268.
- “Monastic Memoria in the Preface to the Complete Edition of Luther’s Latin Writings 1545,” *Luther Digest: An Annual Abridgment of Luther Studies*, Volume 20, Supplement 2012 (St. Louis: Luther Academy): 127-140.
- “How Shall We Interpret the Book of Revelation?” *Advent Christian Witness*, (October/November/December 2010): 4-7.
- “Eschatology vs. Apocalyptic,” *Liturgical Ministry* 19 (Winter 2010): 21-28.
- Articles on “Peter Abelard,” “Anselm,” and “Eriugena” in *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*. Edited by Campbell Campbell-Jack, Gavin McGrath, and C Stephen Evans. Downer’s Grove, Illinois; Leicester, England: Inter-Varsity Press, 2006.
- “Opening the Word.” *Contact*, 34/3 (Fall 2004): 31.
- “Left Behind or Left Befuddled? Part Three.” *Advent Christian Witness*, 51 (May/June 2003): 6-9.
- “Left Behind or Left Befuddled? Part Two.” *Advent Christian Witness*, 51 (March/April 2003): 6-9.

- “Left Behind or Left Befuddled? Part One” *Advent Christian Witness*, 51 (January/February 2003): 6-9.
- “A Micro-History of Advent Christian Missions.” *Advent Christian Witness*, 50 (January 2002): 4-7.
- “The Changing Image of Luther as Biblical Expositor.” In *Ad fonts Lutheri: Toward the Recovery of the Real Luther: Essays in Honor of Kenneth Hagen’s Sixty-Fifth Birthday*. Marquette Studies in Theology; No. 28. Edited by Timothy Maschke, Franz Posset, and Joan Skocir, 67-85. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 2001.
- “Faculty Letter to our Alumni,” in *Ockenga Connections*, vol. 6, No. 2 – Summer, 2001.
- “Daddy, May I Take Communion?” *Advent Christian Witness*, 49 (May/June 2001): 17-21.
- “Life Only in Christ.” *Advent Christian Witness*, 49 (March/April 2001): 4-5.
- “In Public Defense of the Ministry of Moses: Luther’s *Enarratio* Psalm 90, 1534-35” as digested in *Luther Digest* Volume 7 (1999): 30-52.
- “Outspoken Adventists in 1893,” in *Advent Christian Witness*, 47 (April 1999): 4-5.

Book Reviews

- Review of *Martin Luther on Social and Political Issues: His Relevance for Church and Society in India*. Untersuchungen zum Christlichen Glauben in einer Sakularen Welt, Band 3, by Santhosh J. Sahyadoss. In *Doon Theological Journal*, 5.1 (March 2008): 111-114..
- Review of *Luther’s Rhetoric: Strategies and Style from the Invocavit Sermons*, by Neil R. Leroux. In *The Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society*, 5/2 (September 2005): 96-8.
- Review of *Exploring & Proclaiming The Apostles’ Creed*, edited by Roger E. Van Harn. In *The Journal of the Evangelical Homiletics Society*, 5/1 (March 2005): 75-6.
- Review of *The Rhetoric of the Reformation*, by Peter Matheson. In *Sixteenth-Century Studies Journal*, 30 (Spring 1999): 175-77.

Media and Events

Moderator for a debate between Rabbi Shmuley Boteach and Dr. Michael Brown entitled, “**Why Jews Can’t Believe In Jesus**” held at The Harvard Club 374 Commonwealth Ave. Boston. October 21, 2004. Accompanying CD.

Interviewed as Reformation Scholar on a multi-CD set entitled “**The History of Sabbath Worship**” narrated by Hal Holbrook, produced by LLT Productions

Papers and Lectures

“Luther as *homo viator*.” At the General Retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity, University of St Mary’s of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois, September 25, 2017.

“Luther on Prayer, Meditation, and Spiritual Trial.” At the National Convention of the North American Lutheran Church, Nashville, Tennessee, August, 9, 2017.

“Luther on the Darkness of Faith.” Presented at the Thirteenth International Congress on Luther Research, Lutherstadt Wittenberg, Germany, August 1, 2017.

“A Real Christian Art: Dealing with *Anfechtung/Tentatio* according to Luther’s Sermons on John.” At the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, October 2013.

“The Finnish School of Luther Interpretation on Justification.” At the Symposium on the Lutheran Confessions at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, January 2012.

“Human Destiny: The Raucous Nineteenth-Century Debate Surrounding Future Retribution.” At the Northeast Regional Meeting of the Faith and History Conference at Gordon College March 24-25, 2006.

“Advent Christians in the New Millennium,” presented at the Triennial Session of the Advent Christian General Conference Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 2005.

“What Does it Mean to Be An Advent Christian?” presented at the Triennial Session of the Advent Christian General Conference Virginia Beach, Virginia, June 2005.

“Luther and the Three Rules: Shaping Pastoral Work in Light of Theology,” four (90 minute) lectures presented at Kobe Lutheran Theological Seminary,

Kobe, Japan, October 27th and 28th 2003.

“Christian Hope in an Age of Uncertainty,” eight lectures presented at Shijonawate Christian Institute, Osaka, Japan, October 23rd and 24th, 2003.

“New Developments in Conditional Immortality,” one lecture presented before Japanese Advent Christian pastors, Osaka, Japan, October 25th, 2003.

“*Some Reflections on Luther’s View of Death.*” Presented at the Tenth International Congress on Luther Research, Copenhagen, Denmark, August 2002.

“Understanding Our Identity” presented at the Triennial Session of the Advent Christian General Conference held in Virginia Beach, Virginia June 2002.

“*Moses Versus Cicero in Luther’s Enarratio Psalmi 90.*” Presented at the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 1998.

“*In Public Defense of the Ministry of Moses: Luther’s Enarratio on Psalm 90, 1534-1535.*” Presented at the Sixteenth-Century Studies Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, October 1992.

“*Augustine on the Question of Evil.*” Presented as a guest lecture at Florida International University, Miami, Florida, November 1992.

Experience

Interim Dean of the Hamilton Campus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, January - June 2012.

Dean of the Chapel, Gordon-Conwell Hamilton Campus from Fall of 2011 through Fall of 2016.

I have taught courses in the following areas: Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Anabaptists, The Protestant Reformation, John Wesley, Research and Methods Seminar, Advent Christian Theology, Popular Religion in Nineteenth Century America, Great Confessions of the Faith, Catechesis: Theology, History and Practice, Church History Survey, Church History from the beginning to the Reformation, Church History from the Reformation to the present. January 1997 – Present.

Director of MA Programs, Director of Master of Arts in Religion Program. Fall 2000 – Present.

Director of Th.M. Program in Christian History and Thought. Fall 2001 – Present.

Member of the Pastoral Guidance Committee at Gordon-Conwell. Fall 2001 – Fall 2016.

Fellow at the Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research, Collegeville, Minnesota, January through May 2004

Associate Editor, Luther Digest, 1991 – 2002.

Interim Pastor at Haverhill Advent Christian Church, September 2002 – July 2003.

Interim Pastor at Goodwin's Mills Advent Christian Church, September 2001 – June 2002.

Awarded DAAD scholarship to study German at the Goethe Institut which led to a six-month stay in southern Germany.

Instructor, Carroll College, Waukesha, Wisconsin, "Reformation: Foundation for Modern Christianity," 1989-90 academic year.

Teaching Assistant, Western Evangelical Theological Seminary, "Theology I: Early Fathers to Reformation," 1981-82 academic year.