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EDUCATION

2000-2007 Loyola University at Chicago, &
2002-2004 Maximillian Universitaet, Munich Germany [International Student Status]

- Ph.D., Constructive Theology
- Dissertation: *Encountering Cruelty: A Fracture at the Heart of Western Christianity*
- Graduated *summa cum laude*
- Oral Defense – Distinction
- Winner of 2008 Award for Best Original Dissertation of the Year in the Humanities

1999-2000 Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Illinois

- Th.M., Systematic Theology
- Thesis: Heidegger and Rahner – The Suffering of the *Anthropos* and the Other
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

1993-1995 Duke University Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina

- M.T.S., Systematic Theology
- Thesis: Luther and Machiavelli – From Anthropology to Political Ethic
- Graduated *magna cum laude, top 10 in class*

1993-1994 North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina

- B.A., English Literature
- Graduated *summa cum laude*

1987-1991 Bethany Lutheran Liberal Arts College, Lindsborg, Kansas

- B.A., Philosophy and Theology, English Literature Minor
- Paper: From Hegel to Bloom: Transformation of *Geist* as Classical Structure

EXPERIENCE

2011-Present **Assistant Dean Ecumenical and Interrelgious Dialogue**
Assistant Professor of Practical Theology
The School of Theology and Ministry
Seattle University, Washington

- Coorganizing and implementing with the Dean and faculty the strategic direction of the School of Theology and Ministry (STM).
- Delivering public presentations on the vision, mission and values of excellence that characterize the nature of an intentionally ecumenical and interreligious School.
- Principal Investigator of the Henry Luce Foundation Grant for Inter-Religious Dialogue for the assessment of inter- and multi-religious methodologies that will be at the forefront of efforts in the next two decades.
- Principal Investigator of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant for an ecumenical and interreligious cohorted relationships to eradicate family homelessness in Western Washington state.
- Participating as the STM representative at multiple venues, from theological higher education to national and international meetings on ecumenical and/or interreligious realities.
- Teaching courses on practical theology, local-national-international ecumenical and inter-religious trends, peace-building and reconciliation efforts around the world.

2004-2011 ***Executive Associate for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations***
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran World Federation
Offices in Chicago, Illinois and Geneva, Switzerland

- Liaison 2009 to present, to the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
- Public presentations throughout national and international contexts on issues of import in constructive and systematic theology, and how theological principles contribute to historical conflict and present reconciliation regarding inter-religious relations around the world
- Professor for courses of study nationally and internationally on ecumenical and inter-religious topics, from Israel-Palestine to religious violence in Orissa, India
- Teaching in systematic theology and 19th century German philosophy in the Lutheran tradition
- Public presentations and workshops on conflict and reconciliation in the midst of religious violence in the world
- Encourage and enhance inter-religious involvement, chair committees at the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, National Council of Churches, Religions for Peace, Churches Uniting in Christ, Church World Service, and other national and international venues
- Foster and nurture national and international ecumenical and inter-religious relationships. These include implementing the first national bilateral between historic African-American and historic white churches seeking the healing of memories and reconciliation. Major work on 'Mission, Ministry, and Race' begins in earnest between these chuches in the fall, 2008
- Staff Representative to ecumenical national bilateral and multilateral dialogues, and several national and international coordinating committees, including acquiring grant funding for Moravian indigenous Alaskan youth to attend universities in the western United States
- Staff contributions for the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and President of the Lutheran World Federation on inter-religious matters/responses (i.e., the LWF president's response to 'A Common Word' and the global Muslim community in October, 2007)
- Staff Representative to national and international conciliar conferences, congresses, and commissions,

including coorganizing the World Council of Churches presentation by Desmond Tutu in Porto Alegre, Brazil

- Director of ELCA volunteer ecumenical and inter-religious network in United States
- Organize and implement original ecumenical and inter-religious internet vehicles that showcases Christian and inter-religious events taking place in the world
- Supervised the re-structure of the office Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations global communication strategy (2005)
- Supervise staff, interns, and graduate students in specific theological and programmatic projects
- Organize and implement initiatives for emerging leaders, which includes seminary and divinity school scholarships, essay contests, individual funding for emerging young national scholars, and international educational opportunities to centers of ecumenical activity in Geneva, Rome, London, and Strausborg
- Constructed a three phase strategic plan and vision that will take the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to 2012

1995-1997 ***Research Associate***
Judge Robinson O. Everett, Chief Justice of the Military Court of Appeals for the United States Armed Forces, Durham, North Carolina

- Editor of U.S. Supreme Court briefs in opposition to voting district racial gerrymandering
- Co-director: Americans for the Defense of Constitutional Rights
- Assistant to legal counsel for death row inmates in the state of North Carolina

1991-1993 ***Director for Youth and Education***
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado

- Co-founder and Director: Springs Lutheran Youth Coalition (SLYC), a pan-Lutheran organization that became an ecumenical leader in the community
- Implemented intergenerational theological education for a pluralistic and highly mobile congregational setting
- Structured meetings, service trips, worship and reflection, retreats, and training for Lutheran adults

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

2010-2012 Co-Creator and Co-Coordinator, *Christian Peace Circle*, a coordinated network created to multiply Christian networks at the intersection of peace-building in the United States

2010-2012 Steering Committee Member, *Shoulder-to-Shoulder: American Religious Leaders Standing Together Against Anti-Muslim Bias*

2009-2010 Associate Member, *White House Table for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation*

2008-2012 Member, Board of Directors, *Church World Service*

2008-2010 Executive Steering Committee, Religions for Peace USA

2006-2011 Co-Chair, *Jewish-Christian National Dialogue Table in the United States* (National Council of Churches, U.S.A.)

2006-2011 Chair, *Muslim-Christian National Initiative in the United States* (National Council of Churches,

U.S.A.)

2004-2011 Executive Advisory Board Member: *A Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice*, an inter-religious center for Christian-Muslim relations at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago

2004-2008 Chair, *World Council of Churches Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Formation Task Force*

2004-2011 Board Member: *The Decade to Overcome Violence, World Council of Churches United States*

2004-2006 Delegate: *World Council of Churches Ninth General Assembly* in Porto Alegre, Brazil

2004-2012 ELCA Officer to the *National Council of Churches Interfaith Commission* in the United States

2004-2006 National Planning Committee member for the annual *National Workshop on Christian Unity*, USA

2004-2010 Member, *North American Academy of Ecumenists*

2004-2010 Member, *National Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Officers Association*

2004-2010 Member, *National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff*

2004-2007 Steering Committee Member, *Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A.*, a conciliar body in North America, representing 80 million Christians.

1999-2012 American Academy of Religion

1998-2009 American Philosophical Association

1998-2008 Society of Christian Philosophers

2000-2004 Student Liaison for Loyola University to the American Academy of Religion

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2008-2012 Auxiliary Faculty, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago *(Christian and Interreligious Global Relations: Conflict, Reconciliation, and Building Communities of Peace* [June, 2011], *Wisdom Literature: Job and the Brokenness of God* [spring, 2011], *Cruelty in the Mind of God: The Case of Jeremiah* [fall, 2008])

2011-2012 Auxiliary Faculty, Gettysburg Lutheran School of Theology *(Christian and Interreligious Global Relations: Conflict, Reconciliation, and Building Communities of Peace* [Summer, 2011]

2009-2010 Professor and Coordinator, World Council of Churches and the United Nations Center (A Community of Communions: Theology, Religion, Trespass and Reconciliation)

2007-2010 Instructor of Record, Grand Canyon University (Philosophy and Religion Undergraduate Courses in Christian Ethics, fundamentals of Christian Theology)

2007-2010 Auxiliary Faculty, Loyola University Chicago (*Moral Problems: Relgion, Violence and the Politics of Reconciliation, Christian Moral Theology, Introduction to Systematic Theolgy et. al.*)

2004-2010 Primary Instructor and Coordinator, Lutheran World Federation (*The Ecumenical Church and Inter-Religious Relations in a Globalizing World*) [This is a J-Term annual course that I organize and implement for 30 graduate students per year] Presentations by leading interfaith scholars, NGO leaders, and tele-conferences with relgious leaders in the world

1998-2000 College Preparatory, Educator for advanced courses on world-religions, world-Christianity, Christian ethics and theology

SELECT PRESENTATIONS, CONSULTATIONS, AND KEY NOTES

- Presenter and Panelist: *10 Years After 9/11: from National Grief to Religious Conversations Today* (Seattle University, WA: October, 2011).

- Co-Organizer: *International Christian-Muslim Bilateral Dialogue*. This dialogue theme was on the 'global economy' and included fifty attendees. It was hosted by Sabah Theological Seminary (Sabah, Malaysia: September, 2011).

- Panel Invitee: *Combatting Anti-Muslim Bigotry and Support for Torture in the Religious Community*. The panel is hosted by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, at the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly (Charlotte, North Carolina: June, 2011).

- Co-Presenter, Invitee: *Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terror*. This is a workshop with National Council of Churches General Secretary, Dr. Michael Kinnamon, to be presented at the 10 Year International Ecumenical Peace Convocation. Our presentation is one of eleven workshops chosen from 140 submissions in North America (Kingston, Jamaica: May, 2011).

- Official Invitee: *Ecumenical Space – Formative Space – Liberative Space: A Future Consultation in the Ecumenical Context*. This is a consultation drawing on national leadership on the future of inter-Christian/ecumenical relations in the 21st Century in North America (Evanston, Illinois: April, 2011).

- Presenter, Invitee: *The Christian Peace Circle: The Future of the Christian Peace Movement in the United States*. Ecumenical Advocacy Days (Washington DC, District of Columbia: March, 2011).

- Attendee, Signer: *Shoulder-to-Shoulder: National Religious Leaders* meeting with Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi and White House Staff as a national multifaith response to the Peter King Hearings (Washington, D.C.: March, 2011).

- Workshop Leader: *Christians in a Multi-Faith World: Pluralism, Conflict, Reconciliation and You*. Northeastern Ohio Synod, ELCA (Cleveland, Ohio: March, 2011).

- Workshop Leader: *2011 Winter Leadership Event: 'Being Human in a Multi-Faith World.'* This is a three day workshop for religious leaders in Michigan, as a way of addressing opportunities after the buring of the Quran in Lansing, Michigan in September, 2010. (DeWitt, Michgian: January, 2011).

- Invited Panel Presenter: *U.S.-Indonesia Interreligious Cooperation Forum: Multireligious Collaboration for the Common Good*. Sponsored by the United States Government and Religions for Peace International. I was asked to present a paper on multireligous realities around the world, particular to the defilement of sacred spaces in Indonesia, Iraq and the United States, and to assess the future of multireligious relations in the United States to the post-recognition of September 11, 2011. (Washington D.C.: District of Columbia: December, 2010).

- Official Invitee: The White House hosts 'Religions for Peace International' IXth World Assembly on *Building Peace by Advancing Shared Security*. The 2011 event coincides with the national recognition of the 10th year after the 9/11 bombings. This is a year in preparation for commemorations in New York City in September, 2011. My participation is relative to the future of Muslim-Christian relations in the United States (White House Eisenhower Executive Office Building, Washington D.C.: October, 2010).

- Keynote Presenter: *The Church and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Working for Peace in the Middle East*, Lakeside Theological Convocation. (Lakeside, Ohio: September 2010).

- Presenter: *A Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terror: Closing the Decade to Overcome Violence*, at the WCC conference *Peace Among the Peoples* (Mennonite Biblical Seminary; Elkhart, Indiana: July 2010).

- Delegate and Presenter: Lutheran World Federation 10th Assembly (Stuttgart, Germany: July 2010).

- Keynote Presenter: *The Beginning of the Journey*, Honors Convocation at Southwestern College (Oxford, Kansas: May 2010).

- Official Invitee: U.S. Delegation to the Indonesia-U.S. Interfaith Cooperation Forum convened by the U.S. State Department (Jakarta, Indonesia: January 2010).

- Official Invitee: Hosted by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, this consultation drew together major Chrisitan entities in the United States in order to discover strategic opportunities for the new Obama Administration in seeking peace with justice in Israel-Palestine. The consultation title: *Towards a New Christian Consensus for Peace with Justice*. (The Carter Center, Atlanta, Georgia: May, 2009).

- Delegate *(unable to attend)*: Parlaiment of World Religions (Melbourne, Australia: December 2009).

- Keynote Presenter: *A Jewish-Christian Future with a Reconciled Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, The Institute for Clergy Education, (Kansas City, Missouri: November 2009).

- Official Invitee: Muslim-Christian International Conference: '*A Common Word: An Global Agenda for Change*.' This represents the fourth global conference on this theme, including conferences at Yale, Cambridge, and the Vatican (Georgetown University; Washington D.C., October 2009).

- Keynote Speaker: *The Theological Ontology of Sin, Evil, Salvation and 'Public Right' Today* [This annual theological conference has two keynote speakers who present for five presentations in three days (Great Lakes Theological Academy; Traverse City, Michigan: July 2009).

- Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader: *500 Years Later: Mennonites and Lutherans on Forgiveness* (I likewise brought greetings to the entire General Convention on behalf of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation (Mennonite General Convention; Columbus, Ohio: July 2009).

- Presenter: *Luther's Theology of a Holy Site in the Interfaith Other*. ELCA Conference of Bishops Visit to the West Bank (Ramallah, West Bank; Palestine, January 2009).

- Presenter: *Middle-East Peace Making and Interfaith Initiatives: The Christian Response to the Interreligious Other* (The Lutheran Theological Society of North America, Chicago, Illinois: November, 2008).

- Workshop Leader: *Christian Theology and a Way Forward into the Future of Inter-Religious Relationships in the North American Context* (Pre-Assembly to the American Academy of Religion; Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago; Chicago, Illinois: October, 2008).

- Presenter: *Reflection on a Lutheran World Federation Response to the Global Muslim Letter: 'A Common Word Between Us and You,'* (Islamic Society of North America 45th Annual Conference; Columbus, Ohio: September, 2008).

- Workshop Leader: *Christian Principles for Peacebuilding and Dwelling*. (Global Mission Event; LaCrosse, Wisconsin: July, 2008).

- Presenter: *Liberation Theology and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Jewish-Christian National Dialogue Table [A paper presented to the Jewish Defense Leagues in the United States (Harvard, Mass: May, 2008)

- Presenter: *The Future of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations*. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Three Day Strategic Conference (Chicago, Illinois: April, 2008).

- Speaker: *Lazarus Rising: Roll the Stone Away and Unbind Him*, Lutheran-Historic Peace Churches National Dialogue Toward Peace and the Healing of Memories (Goshen, Indiana; February, 2008).

- Visiting Vocational Fellow: [The five day fellowship included speaking in numerous courses, meeting in groups and independently with students, and presenting a keynote address titled *Cruelty in the Mind of God: From Augustine to Luther*, Luther College (Decorah, Iowa: November, 2007).

- Presenter: *Inter-Religious Conflict and Reconciliation*. (Numerous Public Venues at churches, seminaries, universities, and colleges, 2005-2007).

- Key-note Presenter: *The Discovery of Cruelty in Conflict: A Public Discourse on When Torture is Cruel*. Lutheran-Anglican International Conference (Dublin, Ireland: September, 2007).

- Visiting Scholar: *Conflict and Peacemaking: A Theology of Atonement at the Door of Perdition* Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania: May, 2007).

- Co-Convener: Global consultation of theologians gathered form every continent: *Cruelty – The Ugly Face of Violence*. [The title and subject matter of the consultation is derived from my dissertation. I co-organized and delivered a keynote presentation; a compendium text was published through the WCC.] (Pridouix, Switzerland: December, 2006).

- Presenter: Luther College: *Ecumenism and Vocation in the Twenty-first Century*. (Decorah, Iowa: October 2006, 2007).

- Panel convener: *Sin, Cruelty, Tolerance, Peace*. Presented at the Midwest Academy of Religion (Chicago, Illinois: March 31, 2006).

- Panel Presenter: *Reshaping the Papacy to Serve Christian Churches*. Presented at the Ecumenism Today Conference on the celebration of *Ut Unum Sint*," (La Crosse, Wisconsin: May 25, 2005).

- Panel Presenter: *Full Communion in the ELCA*. Presented at the National Council of Churches Faith and Order Commission, (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: March 16, 2005).

- Presenter: *A Holy War Mentality, and Ethical Interchangeability*. Presented at the U.S. Catholic Graduate Students Conference entitled 'Exchanging Particularities: New Directions in Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, Theology of Religions and Missiology,' (Boston, Massachusetts: April 4, 2003).

- Presenter: *Jhwh Krieg in Deuteronomy 20: 1-20: A Hermeneutics of Ethnic Deity, Holy Warrior, and Infidel.* Presented at Ludwig-Maximillians-Universität: Internationales Theologisches Studienkolleg (Munich, Germany: March 26, 2003).

- Invitee: Third Annual Conference of the International Social Theory Consortium, Inter-University Center, Paper Proposal: *Cruelty, Limit, and Excess in the Execution of David Ward*, (Dubrovnik, Croatia: July 4, 2002).

- Presenter: *Raising the Ethos: An Examination of Richard Morse's Reclamation of Patrimonialism*, *Society for the* Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery (Colorado Springs, Colorado: March, 2000).

- Presenter: *Ecumenism and the Church: How our Youth View It*. Presented at a weekend workshop for pastors and lay leaders (Colorado Springs, Colorado: November 15-18, 1992).

PUBLICATIONS

- *Encountering Cruelty: A Fracture in the Human Heart* Book publication, Brill Publisher, (April, 2011)

- King Hearings: Canard or a Canary in a Coal Mine? Odyssey Networks series 'Faith Under Fire,' (March, 2011).

- *Cruelty and Christian Witness: Confronting Violence at its Ugliest* Book publication, Co-editor and organizer to a World Council of Churches Faith and Order Series (February, 2011)

- "A Christian Understanding of War in an Age of Terror," National Council of Churches, USA, (November, 2010).

- "Cruelty in the Mind of God." Journal of Lutheran Ethics (Fall, 2008)

- "Our Interreligious World," The Lutheran magazine (March, 2007)

- "Diving Down: Vigilance and Discernment of *Caritas Deus Est*," Journal of Lutheran Ethics (September, 2006)

- "Cruelty, Jesus' Execution, and Two Signposts," Lutheran World Federation Series *Thinking It Over*, Issue #4 (February, 2004)

- "Plato and the Grecian Urn: The Moral Ideal," *Ex Umbra* (November, 1994)

- "A World of Religions," "Lemonade with God," *Youth Talk* Series, Augsburg Fortress Press (September, 1993)

- "Ecumenism and the Church: How our Youth View It." Presented at a weekend workshop for pastors and lay leaders (Colorado Springs, Colorado: November 15-18, 1992)

HONORS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2009-2010	Thrivent Fellow. This fellowship is awarded to the top promising young senior executive leaders and scholars of the Lutheran-Christian experience in North America.
2008	Bethany College 2008 Alumni Gold Award Recipient. This award is presented annually to a graduate of the last two decades recognizing their outstanding achievement and service to society and/or the academy.
2006-2008	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America $15,000.00 Grant Funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a WCC Consultation on my dissertation topic: Cruelty and Reconciliation in the World.
2008	Best Original Dissertation of the Year Award, Loyola University.
2003	Lutheran World Federation Scholarship, Stuttgart Germany.
2002-2003	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität doctoral Grant, Munich Germany.
2001	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Full Scholarship, Bremen, Germany.
2000-2005	Loyola University Graduate Assistantship Stipend Award.
2000-2005	Loyola University Graduate School Full Tuition Scholarship.
2000-2004	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Educational Grant.
2000-2001	Collegium Oecumenicum: Internationales Theologisches Studienkolleg Stipend.
1999	Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago Full Tuition Award.
1993	Red Cross Outstanding Service Award.
1993	Aid Association for Lutherans Outstanding Service Award.
1988	Bethany Lutheran College Scholarship for Excellence in Theatre.

LANGUAGES

English:	Excellent
German	Excellent

AVOCATION

Guitar, Kayaking Biking, Reading and a Good Conversation

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Robert Schreiter, Bernardin Center Vatican II Professor of Theology at the Catholic Theological Union and the University of Nijmegen. Rschreit@ctu.edu

Prof. Dr. Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Harvard University. Founder of the Harvard Pluralism Project. Dianaeck@imap.fas.harvard.edu (always include her assistant Kathryn Lohre at Klohre@fas.harvard.edu

Dr. Michael Kinnamon, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ (USA). Mkinnamon@ncccusa.org

Rev. Dr. Donald McCoid, Executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Donald.McCoid@elca.org

Written references will come from the four professors noted above. Dr. McCoid is the executive director for my current employment, and is available for a phone call in order to verify and consult on any of the information contained within this Curriculum Vitae