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Educational Background

Ph.D. (Medieval History). University of Notre Dame,
Notre Dame, IN, May 1997.
M.A. (Medieval History). University of Notre Dame,
Notre Dame, IN, January 1990
M.Div. Magna Cum Laude. Wartburg Theological Seminary,
Dubuque, Iowa, May 1982
B.A. Magna Cum Laude. (B.A. with majors in Religion,
Philosophy, and Classics) Pacific Lutheran University, May 1978

Present Employment

Professor in the Religion Department Concordia College
1992-Present
Chair of the Religion Department at Concordia College
2004-2011

Areas of Teaching Competence

Early, Medieval, and Reformation
History, Church History, Spirituality, Theology, and Intellectual History
The History and Theology of Eastern Orthodoxy
Arthurian and Medieval Literature
Religion in Film
The Church in Nazi Germany

Areas of Specialization

Early, Medieval and Reformation
History, Church History, Spirituality, Theology, and Intellectual History

Dissertation

The History and Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer from 200-750
Dr. John Van Engen, director

Publications

Scholarly

Books:

A History of Prayer: The First to the Fifteenth Century (Leiden: Brill
Publications, 2008).

Editor, author of introduction, and contributor with three articles entitled,
"The Lord's Prayer: A Cornerstone of Early Baptismal Education"
"The Lord's Prayer in Early Church Polemics"
"Augustine of Hippo: Prayer as Sacrament"

The Lord's Prayer in the History of the Church: The Pearl of Great Price
(New York: Palgrave/Macmillan Press, 2010).

Book in Progress:

The Prayerful Reforms of Martin Luther (In progress)
Roy Hammerling and Edward Schmoll, *Jordan of Quedlinberg's Commentary on the Lord's Prayer* (In progress)

Articles:

"The History of the Lord's Prayer during the Middle Ages" in
Proceedings of the Patristic Medieval Renaissance Conference, Villanova University (1993-1994), pp. 1-24.

Newspaper Article, "With Joan, the appeal is 'something for everyone,'" in the
Fargo Forum, Nov. 19, 1999, also includes photography

Newspaper Article: The Fargo Forum Article, December 16, 2001 "A Change of
Hobbit". On J.R.R.Tolkien and the Lord of the Rings.

"Gregory of Nyssa's Sermons on the Lord's Prayer: Lessons from
the Classics," in *Word and World* 22 (Winter 2002), 64-70.

"The Holy Grail Cycle in Malory: A Penance Amidst the Story of Lusty
Knights"
Proceedings of the Northern Plains Conference on Early British
Literature: Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature. April
20-21, 2007.

"Teaching the Middle Ages through Travel: Exploration Seminars at Concordia
College" co-author with Dr. David Sprunger in *Studies in Medieval and
Renaissance Teaching*, Fall 2009.

Co-editor of the Spring 2009 issue of *Studies in Medieval and Renaissance
Teaching*, with Dr. David Sprunger, Fall 2009.

Reviews

Book review of Roberta Bondi's *To Love as God Loves* in
Currents in Theology and Mission 15 (1988), p. 460.

Book review of Jeffrey Burton Russell's *A History of Heaven* in
Church History in *Church History* 68 (September 1999), pp.
674-675.

Movie review, "'Messenger' shows too much of the dark side of Joan
of Arc," in the Fargo Forum, Nov. 19, 1999.

Book review of Kent Emery, Jr. and Joseph P. Wawrykow, eds.,

Christ Among the Dominicans in *Church History* 69 (June 2000), pp. 423-424.

Book review of Garry Wills, *Saint Augustine* (New York: Penguin, 1999) in *Dialog* 39 (Summer 2000), pp. 155-156.

Book reviews of Roberta Bondi, *Lord Teach Us to Pray* in *Dialog* 40 (Fall 2000)

Book Reviews in *Dialog* 2003:

Dorothee Soelle, *Against the Wind: Memoirs of a Radical Christian* and

Dorothee Soelle, *The Silent Cry: Mysticism and Resistance* in *Dialog* 2003.

Book Reviews in *Dialog* 2004:

Kenneth Stevenson, *Abba Father: Understanding and Using the Lord's Prayer* and

Kenneth Stevenson, *The Lord's Prayer a Text in Tradition* in *Dialog* 2004.

Book Review in *The Society for Biblical Literature*

Mark J. Boda, Daniel K. Falk, and Rodney A. Werline, eds. *Seeking the Favor of God: Volume 3: The Impact of Penitential Prayer beyond Second Temple Judaism* in *The Society for Biblical Literature* 2009.

Devotional

"Johannes Tauler" in *Daily Readings from Spiritual Classics*, Paul Ofstedal, ed. (Minneapolis: Augsburg Publishing House, 1990).

"Preaching Helps" in *Currents in Theology and Mission* 14 (1987), pp. 224f.

"Contempt: The Eighth Deadly Sin" in *The Clergy Journal*, November 2008.

"The Shadowy Mystery of Lent: An Ancient and Personal History" *The Clergy Journal*, Spring 2010.

"Holy Flood Waters: Washed Away and Filled Up" in *The Clergy Journal*, May/June 2010

Forthcoming:

A Tenebrae Worship Service collaboration with Dr. Rene Clausen in 2009, a commissioned liturgy for Good Friday Worship. See Music.

Filmography

"A Message From the East"

A documentary film about Alama Muhammad Iqbal
by Endless Eye Productions, 2009
Executive Producer, Scholarly Consultant

“Untitled Documentary Project: Southern Sudan”
A documentary about building a library in Southern Sudan
by Endless Eye Productions, forthcoming
Scholarly Consultant

Music

Lyrics for “Memorial” composed by Dr. Rene Clausen in 2003, a
composition written in memory of the 9/11 tragedy of the bombing of the
twin towers in New York City.

Forthcoming:

A Tenebrae Worship Service: wrote text and collaborated with Dr. Rene Clausen
in 2009, a commissioned liturgy for Good Friday Worship.

Poetic Text based on a Prayer by St. Augustine, “Late Have I Loved You”
used in a composition by Dr. Rene Clausen for the Concordia Choir.

Papers and Significant Lectures and/or Talks

May 1992 The 27th International Congress on Medieval Studies
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Topic: Jordan of Quedlinburg’s Commentary on the Lord’s Prayer

October 1993 Conference on Medieval and Reformation Studies at
Villanova University

Topic: The History of the Lord’s Prayer during the Middle
Ages

July 1994 Charis Summer Event held at Concordia College

Topic: The Lord’s Prayer in the Life of the Church

July 1996 Charis Summer Event held at Concordia College

Topic: A Comparison of Medieval and Modern Exegetical
Methods of Interpreting the Bible

September 1996 Concordia College’s Symposium

Topic: Religion on the Internet: Religious Community in
Cyberspace

May 1997 The 31st International Congress on Medieval Studies

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Topic: Early Medieval Interpretation of the Lord’s Prayer

November 1997 Fall Guest Lecturer for Credo at Concordia College

and in April 1998 at First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND
on...“Medieval Christian Mysticism: Lost in the Abyss
of God”

May 1998 The 32nd International Congress on Medieval Studies

Kalamazoo, Michigan (I organized this session)

Topic: The Use of the Lord’s Prayer in Early Medieval Polemic

- September 1998 Concordia College Symposium
Topic: God in Cyberspace: Religion on the Internet
- April 1998 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Topic: The Greatest Martyr on Earth: The Lord's Prayer
- November 1998
Atomic Café Guest Writer Series Speaker
A Short Story: Ode to an Exhibitionist
- January and February 1999
Communiiversity and Public Library Presentations
Topic: King Arthur Through the Ages
done with Dr. David Sprunger
- May 2000 The 34th International Congress on Medieval Studies
Kalamazoo, Michigan
(Also chaired a session on Augustine at this conference)
The Lord's Prayer in the Reform of Martin Luther
- Spring 2000 Lecture Series at St. John Lutheran Church
"Hell or to Hell with it: Hell in Christian Thought and History"
- September 2001 Concordia College Fall Symposium Concurrent Session
With Dr. Shawn Carruth, OSB "Money, the Root of all Evil? Medieval
Answers for a Modern World"
- April 2002 Conference on Vocation at Concordia College
"Vocation in the Ancient World: Lessons for the Modern World"
- 2002-2003 Talks at various venues
"A History of the Crusades"
"The Dark Night of the Soul: Suffering as a Clue to the Meaning of Life"
"The Future of the Church: Mysticism as Hope"
- Spring 2004 Concordia College Family Weekend College
"Jesus Christ Movie Star: A Look at "The Passion of the Christ"
- Spring 2004 A talk at various venues
"Church and State: Conflict and Cooperation?"
- May 2004 The 38th International Congress on Medieval Studies
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Organized and Chaired Session: Prayer in Medieval History
- Spring 2006 The Documentary "Jesus Camp"
Discussion leader at film showing at the Fargo Theater
- May 2006 The 40th International Congress on Medieval Studies
Kalamazoo, Michigan
"Teaching the Middle Ages through Travel: Exploration
Seminars at Concordia College"
- August 2006
Convocation Address at Concordia College:
"The Liberal Arts in a Time of Many Worlds"
- September 2006 Concordia College Fall Symposium Concurrent Session
"Mysticism and Resistance: The Mystifying Vocation of Extraordinary
Religious Lives"
- August 2007 Concordia College Faculty Workshop Lecture

- “Reflections of Vocation in a Lutheran Higher Education Institution:
Creating Conscience through Religion and Resistance”
- April 2007 Northern Plains Conference on Early British Literature
Moorhead, Minnesota
“The Holy Grail Cycle in Malory: A Penance Amidst the Story of Lusty
Knights”
- May 19, 2007 Guest Lecturer at Lahore University in Lahore Pakistan
Focus: A Response to Dr. Basit Koshul’s Lecture on Alama Muhammad
Iqbal’s book entitled *Lenin in the Presence of God*
Topic Title: The East, the West, and Civilization / Barbarism
- Spring 2007 The Documentary “For the Bible Tells Me So”
Discussion leader at film showing at the Fargo Theater
- December 6, 2007 Chapel Talk at Concordia College
“The History and Blessed Life of St. Nicholas”
- 2008-2010 A talk at various venues.
“Joy: Longing for Longing in Aristotle, Augustine, and CS Lewis”
This talk was given in Fargo and Bismarck, North Dakota at a few
Churches of various denominations
- February 21, 2009 Fargo City Commissioners Meeting
“Islam and the West: A Look at Pakistan and Dubai”
- March 9, 2009 At The “Vocation in Lutheran Higher Education” Conference
“Luther on Vocation: A Many Splendored Thing”
- May 2009 Chapel Talk at Concordia College
Washed up and Filled Up: A Pentecostal View of the Fargo Flood
- September 2010 Concordia College Fall Symposium Concurrent Session with
Kayla Goetz (11): “The Wonder of CS Lewis: Deep Magic in the Age of
Science”
- Spring 2010 Chapel Talk at Concordia College
The Wonder of the Word and the World: Reflections on Teaching
- 2009-2010 Talks at various forums.
Religion and Film: An Unholy or Holy Relationship?
The Life, Literature, and Levity of CS Lewis
Mysticism and the Modern Church: Dorothee Soelle’s Thoughts
for the Present and Future
- January 3, 2011 Chapel Talk at Concordia College
“Blessed Be the Vision: Seeing the Eternal in the Ordinary”
- January 9, 2011 Park Rapids, Minnesota
Sermon, “Truly God Shows No Partiality”
Community Talk: “Islam and Christianity: Hope for the Future”
Both of these talks focused on the how Christianity and Islam can work
together in the modern world in hope.
- May 2011 Park Rapids, MN Film Festival
Filmmaker discussion on the documentary “A Message from the East”
- April 22, 2011 Sermon at St. John Lutheran Church
“The Origins of the Easter Vigil: The Holiest Night”
- April 28, 2011 Go2030 Speaker Forum: What is the Good Life?

- See more at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNKIYrdnsD0>
2011 in various venues
Realities and Myths: A Brief History of the King James Version of the Bible
September 24, 2011 North Dakota League of Cities
Lecture: Strengthening and Maintaining a Sense of Community
2012 Forthcoming
March 2012 The University of Notre Dame, On the 35th Anniversary of John van Engen's Teaching Career
"Prayer as Reform in the Late Medieval Germany of Martin Luther"

Grants, Awards, and Employment:

- 2005 Winner of Omicron Delta Kappa Distinguished Teacher Award at Concordia College
2004 to Present Chair of the Religion Department at Concordia College
2000 Winner of Ole and Lucy Flaatt Distinguished Teacher Award at Concordia College
1993-94, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 Omicron Kappa Delta, National Leadership Honor Society, teaching recognition awards at Concordia College
1998-1999 Nominated for the Ole and Lucy Flaatt Distinguished Teacher Award at Concordia College
Highbarger Award from History Department at Notre Dame for Scholarly Research, Spring 1992
Tuition Grant and Teaching Assistant, Department of History at the University of Notre Dame, 1989-92
Tuition Grant for one year of study at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, 1989-90
Parish Pastor at Prairie Valley Lutheran Parish in Williston, North Dakota, 1982-87
Arete Society Student Recognition at Pacific Lutheran University 1974

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant, Western Civilization at The University of Notre Dame (UND), 1989-91
T.A. for Ancient through Reformation, and the Modern Western Civilization courses.
Instructor in the Freshman Writing Seminar, UND 1990
Religion Department Concordia College 1992-Present
Principia 101 "The Self-Examined Life"
Critical Inquiry Seminar "Religion and Fantasy: The Life, Writing, and Theology of C.S. Lewis"
Religion 100 "Christianity and the Religious Life"
2002 This class focused on Joan of Arc and took students to France to study Joan
2004 This class focused on Greek Orthodoxy and took students to Greece to study
2006 This class focused on ancient Christianity, Orthodoxy, and Islam and took students to Istanbul Turkey

- 2007 This class focused upon Ancient Egyptian Religion, Coptic Christianity, and Islam and traveled to Egypt
- Religion 223 "The Legacy of Luther"
- Religion 224 "Women in Religious History"
- Religion 225 "Religion and Film"
- Religion 300 "Sisters of Faith: Life in Medieval Europe"
(May Seminar taught in Europe, I have gone to Europe three times with this class and have visited Italy, France, Germany, England, Ireland, Wales, and Iceland. See below for more details)
- Religion 324 "Legacy of Luther"
- Religion 325 "Studies in Religious History" (In recent years this course has focused upon Celtic Christianity during the Middle Ages, however, in travel abroad experiences the course has also focused on Ancient Greek Religion, Ancient Egyptian Religion, and Coptic Christianity)
- Religion 326 "The Christian Tradition II: Theologies and Ethics"
- Religion 327 "Eastern Orthodoxy" also have taken students to Winnipeg Canada for tours of Orthodox Churches
- Religion 330 "Theology and The Lutheran Tradition"
- Religion 372: "A History of Christian Spirituality"
- Religion 410 "Saint Augustine: His Life and Theology"
- English 232E a Credo Course (team taught with David Sprunger)
"Arthurian Legends" (Also 2005, 2009 Exploration Seminars to England)

International Education Experience

May Seminars

- 1999 Italy, Germany, France, England
2001 Italy, France, England
2002 Iceland, Germany, France, Ireland, Wales, England

Exploration Seminars

- 2002 France: Joan of Arc Seminar
2004 Greece: Ancient and Modern Greek Religions
2005 England: King Arthur's England
2006 Turkey: Christianity and Islam in Ancient and Modern Turkey
2007 Egypt: Ancient Egyptian Religion, Islam, and Christianity
2009 England: King Arthur in England
2010 Rome: The Empire and Christianity
2011 England: King Arthur's England

Concordia College Adult Tours

- 2006 Summer: Greece, Crete and the Greek Islands
2010 Luther Lands: Germany
2012 (Forthcoming) Turkey: Ancient and Modern Christianity and Islam

Credo in Crete Semester Abroad Program: An Honors Program (Greece, Crete, Greek Islands, Turkey)

- 2008 Spring Semester

Other Significant Travel Experiences

- 2002 Peru and Galapagos Islands
2007 Dubai, Pakistan, Spain

2010 Israel and Jordan

Memberships in Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
American Society of Church History
The International Medieval Sermon Studies Society
The Medieval Academy of America
The Society for the Study of the Bible in the Middle Ages

Board of Directors

Co-Director of the Non-for-Profit PACODES (The Payinjar Community Library
Project in the South Sudan) cf. www.pacodes.org
On the Board of Directors of Endless Eye Productions
With Jeremiah Hammerling and Sean Fahey and others
cf. www.endlesseye.com