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EDUCATION

McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
Doctor of Ministry, 2013

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN
Master of Divinity, 2000

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Master of Arts in English, 1987

Goshen College, Goshen, IN
Bachelor of Arts in English/Education, 1984

EXPERIENCE

Teaching

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN, 2012–present
Assistant Professor of Congregational Formation

Goshen College, Goshen, IN, 2002
Adjunct Instructor in the English and Bible/Religion departments

Bethany Christian High School, Goshen, IN, 1988–89
Freshman and Sophomore English

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 1986–87
Associate Instructor in English

Goshen High School, Goshen, IN, 1984–85
Sophomore and Junior English

Pastoral leadership

Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend, IN, 2003–09
Pastor of Christian Formation; ordained for pastoral ministry by Indiana
Michigan Mennonite Conference, August 2007

Walnut Hill Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN, Summer 2000
Summer interim for pastor on sabbatical

Church-wide work

Mennonite Schools Bible Curriculum, 2017
Theological editor

Mennonite Church USA, 2006–2014
Worship Resources Coordinator for *Leader* magazine

Public presentations

“Quotidian forgiveness,” a scholar’s presentation for the Collegeville Institute (October 2017)

“Ordinary time forgiveness,” a plenary presentation for “Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages” (October 2016)

“My story, our story, God’s Story,” a plenary presentation for Western District Conference’s “Faith Formation Launch” (June 2015)

“Reading the Bible with Jesus,” a keynote at AMBS Pastors Week 2014

Four workshops at Mennonite Church USA convention (July 2013)

Co-presenter with Mary Schertz, AMBS Pastors Week 2010

Retreat leadership and special events

Three plenary addresses and two workshops for Central District Conference and Ohio Mennonite Conference congregations during a one-day worship seminar at Sonnenburg Mennonite Church (May 2017)

“How art and worship connect to each other and connect us to the Creator,” at Pumps and Pearls, a mother’s day celebration at Kingdom Impact Christian Cultural Center (May 2016)

Indiana Michigan Mennonite Conference retreat for women and girls (September 2015)

Illinois Mennonite Conference Leaders Retreat (February 2015)

Engaging Pastors: co-planner and co-leader for three retreats, one for pastors and seminary faculty (2010), one for pastors (2011) and one for conference ministers/area church leaders (2012)

Congregational retreats: Paoli Mennonite Fellowship, Paoli, IN (2012); Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA (2010)

Spiritual direction

Spiritual director, 2000-2017

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Circle process as a means of Christian relational formation,” a paper Presented at *The Holy Spirit and Christian Formation: the 2015 Annual Renewal Theology Conference*, Regent University, Virginia Beach, VA (March 2015)

PUBLICATIONS

“Uses of Critical Response Process in the training and education of Mennonite clergy,” in Liz Lerman and John Borstel, coauthors/editors, *Critique is Creative: Liz Lerman’s Critical Response Process in Theory and Action*, forthcoming from Wesleyan Press in 2019.

“Congregational Welcome of Immigrants,” in Daniel Schipani, Martin Walton, and Dominiek Lootens, *Where are we? Pastoral Environments and Care for Migrants: Intercultural and Interreligious Perspectives* (Düsseldorf, Germany: Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2018).

“Sabbath” (Spring 2017), and “Broadening Our Worship Practices” and “The Cross-Cultural Invitation of Pentecost” (Spring 2012) in *Leader Magazine*

“Reading the Bible with Youth” (Fall 2010), “When My Father Died” (Spring 2004), “Hannah: Her Story” (Spring 2003), and “Transforming the Difficult Sinner” (Fall 2002), in *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*

Five biblically-based dramas for the Mennonite Church U.S.A. churchwide worship resource, “Joyfully Follow Jesus,” www.mennoniteusa.org//onesource//JoyfullyFollowJesus.pdf (2005)

Five biblically-based dramas for “Jesus: Mission Accomplished,” in *The Bible: Then and Now* vacation Bible school series (Herald Press, 2002)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty workshop for teaching online, Wabash Institute, 2018-2019

Resident scholar, Collegeville Institute, October-November 2017

Course development seminar, Goshen College, June 2017

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Association of Practical Theologians

ACTIVITIES

Historic Racemere Peninsula Neighborhood Association Board, president, 2017-present

Hope Development Center Board of Directors, 2014-2017

Journey Program Board of Directors, 2012-2014

Central District Conference Ministerial Committee, 2011-2013

Spiritual Director Peer Supervision Group, 2002–2018