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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Emory University, Atlanta, GA

1997, Graduate Division of Religion, (Dept. of Persons, Communities, and Religious Practices)

Graduate Certificate in Women’s Studies

McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL

1991, D. Min., Urban Ministries Program

University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT

1985, Graduate School of Social Work, M.S.W.

Group Work Major, Case Work Minor

Yale University School of Divinity, New Havehgn, CT

1984, M.Div.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

1979, B.A. with Distinction, Religious Studies

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Yale Divinity School

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 2021-

Horace Bushnell Professor of Practical Theology, 2018-

Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care, 2016-present

Virginia Theological Seminary (Episcopal Church), Alexandria, VA

Arthur Lee Kinsolving Professor of Pastoral & Practical Theology, 2013-2015

Professor of Practical Theology, 2008-2015

Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology, 2006-2008

The Graduate Theological Union and San Francisco Theological Seminary

San Anselmo and Berkeley, CA, 2000-2006

GTU Core Doctoral Faculty Member in Interdisciplinary Studies

Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Christian Education

Faculty Liaison, SFTS International Feminist D. Min. Program

Faculty Director for the David Ng Resource Center

Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines, Dasmarinas and Manila. 1997-2000

Faculty Advisor, Doctoral students

Professor of Practical Theology and Pastoral Care;

Faculty for M. Theol. program of Southeast Asia Graduate School of Theology (SEAGAST)

Teen Age Medical Service and Children’s Health Care, Minneapolis, 1994-1996, Clinical/psychiatric Social Worker

Egleston Children’s Hospital at Emory University, Atlanta, GA., 1991-1994, Medical & Psychiatric Social Work (part-time)

Youth Theology Institute, Candler School of Theology, Research Coordinator, 1992-1995

Mayflower Congregational Church, U.C.C., Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1989-1991, Minister for Pastoral Care and New Member Nurture

Fairview Deaconess Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 1985-1989, Chaplain, Adolescent Chemical Dependency Program

Third World Church Leaders Center, Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Korea, Seoul, Korea, 1982-83, Volunteer in Mission Program, Presbyterian Church US, Seminary Teaching Internship

**EDITORSHIPS AND EDITORIAL BOARDS**

Editor-in-Chief, Religious Education (an international, peer-reviewed journal), 2016-present

Editorial board, Brill, Theology in Practice book series, 2014-present

Editorial board, Religious Education 2008-2016

Editorial board, Theological Education 2009-2013

Guest Editor, Arts: The Arts in Religious and Theological Studies, special issue on Practical Theology and the Arts. Vol 30 (1), 2018.

Guest Editor, Sacred Spaces: The E-Journal of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, Special Edition, “Pastoral Care and Children,” Vol 6, 2014. Accessible via: <http://www.aapc.org/news-events/sacred-spaces/>

Referee for University of North Carolina Press, Brill, International Journal of Practical Theology; Pastoral Psychology; Teaching Theology and Religion; Theological Education; Theology Today; International Journal of Children’s Spirituality.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Books

Conundrums in Practical Theology (Leiden, Netherlands: Brill). Joyce Ann Mercer and Bonnie Miller-McLemore (Eds.). In Theology in Practice Series, November 2016.

Girl Talk, God Talk: Why Faith Matters to Adolescent Girls—and their Parents, (San Francisco: Jossey Bass), 2008.

Lives to Offer: Accompanying Youth on Their Vocational Quests, co-authored with Dori Baker. (Cleveland, OH: The Pilgrim Press), 2007.

Welcoming Children: A Practical Theology of Childhood (St. Louis, MO: Chalice Press), 2005.

Book Chapters

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“Communal Identities and Collective Trauma: A Practical Theological Exploration into Indonesia’s 1965-67 Anti-Communist Massacre,” pp. 192-203 in Practicing Ubuntu: Practical Theological Perspectives on Injustice, Personhood and Human Dignity. Olehile A. Buffel, Jaco Dreyer, Yolanda Dreyer, and Malan Nel, eds. (Leiden: LIT Verlag), 2017.

“Interdisciplinarity,” in Conundrums in Practical Theology, Joyce Ann Mercer and Bonnie Miller-McLemore, eds. (Leiden: Brill), 2016.

“Feminist and Womanist Practical Theologies,” in Opening the Field of Practical Theology, Kathleen Cahalan and Gordon Mikoski, eds. (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield), 2014.

“A Practical Theological Approach to Ecofeminism: Story of Women, Faith, and Earth Advocacy,” pp. 93-106 in Dewi Candraningrum, ed., Body Memories: Goddesses of Nusantera, Rings of Fire, and Narratives of Myth. Yayasin Jurnal Perempuan Press and Pusat Penelitian dan Studi Gender: Salatiga, Indonesia: 2014.

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“Attending to Children, Attending to God: Children with ADHD and Christian Spirituality,” pp. 63-88 in Bert Roebben and Katharina Kammeyer (eds.), Inclusive Religious Education. International Perspectives, Berlin and Zurich: LIT Verlag, 2014.

“Pornography and Abuse of Social Media,” Chapter 17, pp. 193-204 in Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach, eds. Darryl W. Stephens and Patricia Jung (Minneapolis: Fortress Press), 2013.

“Virtual Sex, Actual Infidelity: A Practical Theological Inquiry into (Dis)Embodied Desire and Cybersex,” Ch. 6, pp. 69-78 in CITY OF DESIRES. A PLACE FOR GOD? PRACTICAL THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES Edited by R.Ruard Ganzevoort, Rein Brouwer, and Bonnie Miller-McLemore, International Academy of Practical Theology. Amsterdam: LIT Verlag, 2013.

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“Internationalization in Religious Education,” Religious Education, March-April 2019. 114:2, 95-96.

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“Religious Education as a Practice of Hope,” Religious Education, 112: 3, 195-197, DOI: 10.1080/00344087.2017.1325697

“Learning in Encounter—Preparing for the 2017 REA Conference,” Religious Education, 112:4, 309-310, DOI: 10.1080/00344087.2017.1358040

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DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS AND BROADCAST FORMATS

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“Liturgical Practices with Children in Congregations,” co-authored with Deborah L. Matthews in Liturgy: Journal of the Liturgical Conference, Vol. 19, No. 1, 2004: 27-33.

**SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES**

“From Passion to Publication,” Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, July 7, 2022.

“What Children Know: Children, Climate Change, and Epistemic Injustice,” University of Notre Dame, Children and Religion Conference, October 6-8, 2022.

Association of Practical Theology Biennial Meeting, Plenary Speaker, “Publishing in Practical Theology,” April 2, 2022.

Seoul Theological University, Seoul Korea. “Faith Formation Through Guided Participation in Practice. ” A Lecture for the Korean Society of Christian Religious Education

December 2, 2021

“The Future of Research in Religious Education,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Religious Education, July 8, 2021.

University of Tübingen, Germany. June 29, 2021. Invited lecturer, “Feminist Theologies in Global Perspective.”

Notre Dame Workshop Toward a Social Theology of the Child, “Children and Climate Anxiety.” June 11, 2021.

St. James Institute, Sydney, Australia. May 27, 2021. “Same Sex Relationships and Church Conflict,” international webinar.

University of Bern, Switzerland, Invited presenter, Conference on Sexual Abuse in the Context of the Church: New Interdisciplinary Perspectives. November 15-16, 2019 “Spiritual Care with Survivors of Church-Related Sexual Abuse: Making the Case for Moral Injury,”

“This is Your Brain on Heroin—and/or Love: The Opioid Crisis and Attachment Theories of Addiction,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nov. 20, 2018, Persons, Cultures, and Religions group.

“Vocation Across the Lifespan” panel presenter, International Association of Practical Theology meeting, Oslo, Norway, April 21, 2017.

“Writing Transformations: Using Addiction Recovery Memoirs Toward Personal and Social Change,” International Academy of Practical Theology meeting, Oslo, Norway, April 23, 2017.

“Conundrums in Practical Theology,” Panel, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 19, 2016.

“Restorative Spirituality: Hope for Traumatized Children,” Keynote, International Society for Children’s Spirituality, Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln, UK, July 28, 2016.

“Collective Trauma and Pastoral Care: Global Insights for Local Ministries,” a public inaugural lecture for the Arthur L. Kinsolving Chair in Pastoral and Practical Theology, Virginia Theological Seminary, forthcoming, April 17, 2015.

“Communal Identities and Collective Trauma: A Practical Theological Exploration into Indonesia’s 1965-67 Anti-Communist Pogrom,” International Academy of Practical Theology, July 20, 2015, Pretoria, South Africa.

“ ‘We Teach Our Children to See a Human Being There’: Women’s Formal and Informal Religious Education Work in Transforming Religious Conflict in Indonesia,” Research Interest Group paper, Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, November 6-8, 2014, Chicago, IL.

“A Practical Theological Approach to Eco-Feminism,” Invited public lecture, July 8, 2014.

St. Andrew’s Seminary, Quezon City (Manila), Philippines

“Brain Waves and Conflict: Trauma Narratives In Light Of Neuroscience,” Invited public lecture sponsored by the Department of Theology. July 1, 2014. Artha Wacana Christian University, Kupang, West Timor, Indonesia

“Moving Beyond the Descriptive Moment in Practical Theology: A Response to the Theories of Change Panel,” Practical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 23, 2013.

“Practical Theology & Theological Field Education: Alike and Different?” for Association of Theological Field Educators Annual Meeting, Williamsburg, VA, January 24-26, 2013.

“Calling Amid Conflict,” for Greenhouses of Hope: Panel Presentation, Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2, 2012.

“Virtual Sex, Actual Infidelity: A Practical Theological Inquiry into (Dis)Embodied Desire and Cybersex,” International Academy of Practical Theology, Amsterdam, July 21, 2011.

“Automatic Weapons, Amens, and the Adhan: A Local Interfaith Peacebuilding Initiative and Election Violence in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (Philippines).” Presented at the Second Annual Emory University Conference on Religion, Conflict, and Peace, June 17-19, 2011, Atlanta, GA.

Respondent, Plenary presentation by “TVbyGirls,” Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Denver Colorado, November 7-9, 2010.

“Working with Religious Leaders: Mental Health and Spirituality,” Presentation for the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York, NY, October 26-28, 2010.

“Vampires, Desire, Girls and God: Twilight and the Spiritualties of Adolescent Girls,” Psychology, Culture and Religion Group of the AAR, pre-session meeting, November 2009, Montreal, Canada.

Speaker and co-presenter of the William Rainey Harper Award to Dr. James W. Fowler,

Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, November 2009.

“The Church Against Itself: Congregations in Conflict with Their Denominations,” International Academy of Practical Theology, Chicago, IL, August 2009.

“Contentiously Faithful: Practical Theological Reflections on the Tenacity of Belief,” Inaugural Lecture at promotion to Full Professor, Virginia Theological Seminary, December 1, 2008.

“Show a Little Class: Putting Class Analysis into Congregational Studies,” Annual Meeting of the AAR, Practical Theology section, November 2006, Washington, DC.

“Nature as Classroom,” Religious Education Association/APRRE Annual meeting, Toronto, November 4-6, 2005.

“Who Do You Say That I Am? Children’s Identities, ‘Spiritual Capital,’ and Congregational

Life,” Childhood Studies and Religion section, American Academy of Religion Annual

Meeting, San Antonio Texas, November 2004.

“A Madness to Our Method: Congregational Studies as Pedagogical Method for Contextual Theological Education,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2004.

“Teaching the Bible in Congregations: A Congregational Studies Pedagogy for Contextual Education,” Annual Meeting of the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious

Education/ Religious Education Association, November 5, 2004, Denver, CO.

“Constructing Children as Consumers: Globalized Capitalism and the Spirituality of Children,” Annual meeting of the International Conference on Children’s Spirituality, Bishop Grossetteste College, Lincoln, UK, July 19-23, 2004.

“Children as Mystics, Activists, Sages, and Holy Fools: Understanding the Spirituality of Children and Its Significance for Their Care,” Grand Rounds, University of California Los Angeles Medical Center, Neuro-psychiatric Institute, December 10, 2003.

“Children as Innocents or Devils: Getting Beyond Theology’s Reproduction of Cultural Ambivalence Toward Children with a Critical-Practical Theology of Childhood,” AAR Annual Meeting, November 2001, Denver, CO.

“Children and Religious Education in an Age of Globalization: Learning from David Ng,” Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education Annual Meeting, November 2-4, 2001, Minneapolis, MN.

“Material Girls, Constructed Bodies: A Feminist Religious Analysis of Bodily Practice Using the Cultural Theory of Pierre Bourdieu” presented in the Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Section of the American Academy of Religion, November 1996 Annual meeting, New Orleans, LA.

“Becoming Female: The Place of Violence in Adolescent Girls’ Constructions of Gender Identity,” 1995, American Academy of Religion: Religion and the Social Sciences Section, in

Philadelphia, November 18, 1995.

“Psychoanalysis, Parents, and God: Julia Kristeva and the Imaginary Father’s Role in

Subjectivity,” Women and Religion Section of Upper Midwest Regional American Academy

of Religion, St. Paul, MN, April 21, 1995.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (CONSULTATIONS, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS)**

Doctoral committee, Jennifer Bluestein, Texas Christian University & Brite Divinity School. Dissertation defense April 7, 2022.

Doctoral committee for Linna Gunawan, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA; ongoing.

External reviewer, provost’s review, Vanderbilt Divinity School April 11-14, 2022.

External evaluator/mentor for faculty member, Virginia Theological Seminary, Feb. 24-25, 2022, Alexandria, VA

Yale Divinity School Center for Continuing Education, Lecture. “Immigration and Pastoral Care: Accompanying Traumatized People.” November 6, 2021.

Yale Alumni/ae Association, IMPACT 2 Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Webinar, “The Art of Listening” Keynote Webinar March 15, 2021; IMPACT 1 conference webinar March 26, 2019; opening conference presentation, March 30, 2019.

Stanford University Seminar on Religion and Education, 2021-current (a working group that meets about 4-6 times a year). Invited participant.

Santa Barbara City College Leadership Club, “Going on a Vocation.” April 4, 2021.

YDS Summer Session Course, June 3-7, 2019 “Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care”

Emory University, “Education for the Common Good: Honoring Charles Foster,” invited presenter, April 25-27, 2019.

Trenton NJ Juvenile Detention Center, “Understanding Addictions,” with Chaplain Charles Atkins, Jr., October 28, 2018.

Studying Congregations, Boston University, Congregational Studies Website Project Consultation, July 10-11, 2017.

Diocese of Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada, Keynote, Diocesan Conference, October 27-29, 2016.

Center for Pastoral Counseling of Virginia, McLean, VA, “Why Did I Want to Do This Anyway: Recovering a Sense of Vocation,” April 23, 2015.

Presbyterian Immigrant Ministries Network, Washington, DC, Keynote speaker and consultant, “Trauma and Immigration,” & “Church Conflict: Immigrant Communities Struggling within ‘Anglo-Denominational Governing Bodies,” March 7, 2015.

Marsh Fellow, Saint Albans School and the National Cathedral School, Washington, DC, Visiting teaching fellow and pastoral care consultant to chaplains, faculty, & parents, January 2015. Focus: mental health issues and the care of youth (depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, eating disorders)

St. Stephens St. Agnes School, Alexandria, VA, Religion Department faculty retreat Speaker, March 11, 2013

Congregational Studies Project Team Member, 2010-2019: A national working group of scholars who utilize and provide resources for faith communities and mentoring for scholars interested in the disciplined study of religious organizations and practices through congregational studies methods. See www.studyingcongregations.org

St. John’s University, Collegeville Institute Seminar, Vocation Across the Lifespan, An interdisciplinary working group of scholars, meeting twice annually 2009-present, ongoing. We currently are working together on a multi-authored volume to disseminate our work.

Invited consultant to Lilly Endowment’s Youth Program Directors, Vocation and Gender, St. John’s University, Collegeville, MN, Feb. 15-17, 2008.

Hartford Seminary Congregational Studies Team, invited participant, “Engaged Scholars Conversation”, Nov. 15-17, 2010, Louisville, KY

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Williamson Distinguished Scholars Conference, April 8-10, 2010

United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities, The Susan Draper White Lectures

March 1 & 2, 2010: “Girls, God, and Vampires: The Spirituality of Adolescent Girls”;

“Fighting Like Girls: Girlhood Religion and Church Conflict”

Summer Collegium, Virginia Theological Seminary Lecturer on Congregational, June 2007, 2008 & 2010.

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN Keynote speaker, Children’s Summit, April 4-5, 2008.

Hartford Institute for Religion Research, Hartford Seminary

Leadership group, “A Conversation on Theology in Congregational Life,” October 11 & 12,

2005, Hartford, CT

Emory University, Candler School of Theology, Guest speaker, educational event for supervisors of contextual education, “Skills and Practices of Supervising Theology Students,” Atlanta, GA, Tuesday August 29, 2005.

Youth Theological Initiative, Staff Training Leader, “Youth and Vocation,” Jan. 18-20, 2008.

Princeton Theological Seminary, Keynote lecturer, 2002 Princeton Lectures on Youth, Church, and Culture, January 7-10, 2002.

Congress of Asian Theologians, Panel respondent, Bangalore, India, August 1999.

**FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS**

Connecticut Health Horizons Grant, PI for Divinity/Social Work enhancement project, $370,828 awarded December 2022.

Conant Grant, The Episcopal Church

Indonesian Women’s Peacebuilding Narratives, Spring 2014;

Religious Conflict and Election Violence, Philippines, Summer 2010

Peacemaking Grant, National Capital Presbytery

People’s Election Observer Program, 2010, Philippine National Elections, May 2010

The Fund for Theological Education

“Greenhouses of Hope” Ethnography Project on Calling Congregations and the Vocations of

Youth 2008-2009

The Louisville Institute

2008-9: Religious Institutions Grants, “Against Our Own Kind: Congregations in Conflict with their Own Denominations,” August 2008-June 2009.

2003: General Grants Program, “Congregational Practices with Children: Sharing Our Research,” April-June 2003.

2002. General Grants Program, “Children in Congregations: A Congregational Studies Research Project,” January 2002-August 2003.

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

2018 Grant for Pre-Conference Workshop for APT meeting

2004-2005 Wabash Faculty Study Leave (Sabbatical semester) Grant

2001 Workshop/Grant for Theological Faculty

2002 Summer Grant for Theological Faculty

Association of Theological Schools

2004-2005 Awardee, ATS-Lilly Faculty Sabbatical Grant

Youth Theology Initiative, Candler School of Theology

2004-2006 Research Fellow

**PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND ACCREDITATIONS**

Social Justice Mediation Certification, Social Justice Mediation Institute, January 2022

The Association of Practical Theology, Past-President 2018-2020; President 2016-2018; Executive Committee 2009-2020. Continuing member.

International Academy of Practical Theology, elected to membership 2007

The American Academy of Religion,

Practical Theology Group, steering committee 2022-

Co-chair, Practical Theology Group steering committee 2009-2011, member 2013-2017.

Mentor, AAR Committee on Women in the Profession 2018, 2019, 2020 (invited; event cancelled due to COVID), 2021 planned.

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Commonwealth of Virginia Board of Health Professionals

License # 0904006820

Religious Education Association, Board member ex officio (as journal editor), 2014-present; steering committee, 2022-; Board member and Chair of Call for Papers Committee/ Publications Committee 2006-2008. Nominating Committee, 2013.

Society for Pastoral Theology, member.

Ordained Minister (Teaching Elder), Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1985 and Minister Member, National Capital Presbytery. Anti-Racism Training for Clergy (completed 18 hr course, required training for all clergy in National Capital Presbytery) September, October, November 2021.

**CONSULTATION, PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (recent only)**

Another Octave Connecticut Women’s Chorus member

United Way Volunteer

Active participant at First Presbyterian Church, New Haven where I am a frequent liturgist, preacher, consultant.

Yale Divinity School & Wider University Service

STM Degree Director

Office of Student Affairs Associate Dean Search, Chair, 2022

Curriculum Committee, chair 2022

Professional Studies Committee

Reformed Studies Committee

Donor Visits , October 2022.

Donor Visit, October 2021.

Faculty speaker for Mary Goodman Circle Donor Event, June 17, 2021

Healthy Yale Faculty Focus Group, February 17, 2021.

Marquand Chapel Prospective Student Visit Day Preacher, November 4, 2021

Speaker, “Trauma-Informed Pastoral Care,” University Chaplain’s Clergy Consultation, Nov. 5, 2020

Preacher, University Church at Yale, October 18, 2020

YDS Graduation Preacher, May 19, 2019

Marquand Chapel Eucharist presider September 13, 2019; February 1, 2020

Marquand Chapel Preacher, February 15, 2021

Committees:

Christian Spirituality Search Committee 2019-2020; 2021-2022.

Chair, tenure review committee for Almeda Wright, 2022.

Co-chair, MDiv task force, 2022-2023

Chair of Search Committee, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 2022

Chair, Curriculum Committee, 2022

Prison Justice Ministry Task Force 2021

Professional Studies Committee, 2020-2021

University DEI/Belonging Unit Planning Team 2021

Chair, Committee on Spirituality and Practice of Faith 2019-2020;

Reformed Studies Program, 2016-.

Professional Studies Search Committee Spring 2019

Reappointment Review Committee for Donyelle McCray

Reappointment Review Committee (chair) for Sarah Drummond Spring 2019

World Christianity Search Committee 2019-2020

Chair, promotions committee for Almeda Wright, 2017-2018