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### **Academic Preparation**

Ph.D.	Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. (December 1997)	Systematic Theology
M.A.	Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA. (May 1987)	Systematic Theology
B.A.	Whitworth College, Spokane, WA. (May 1979)	Music

### **Professional Experience**

#### **Current Teaching/Administrative Position**

**Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Diaconal Ministry Program Director,**  
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA. (2009 – present)

#### **Annual Courses Offered**

ST-2003: Systematic Theology [residential, required]  
ED-2020: Christian Education in the Parish [residential, required]  
FT-8227: Reading Congregations [online, required]  
TMST-1004: Systematic Theology I [TEEM, required]  
TMST-1011: Systematic Theology II [TEEM, required]  
ST-3XXX: Systematic Theology Elective [residential, upper division]  
ST-3XXX: Systematic Theology Elective [residential, upper division]  
ED-2088: Engaging Youth and Family Ministries [residential, elective]  
LS-1010: PLTS Worship Preparation [residential, elective]  
FT-2097: Fieldwork /Project Development [residential or online, required]

#### **Co-Curricular Responsibilities**

Director, Diaconal Ministry Program at PLTS  
Chair, PLTS Academic Committee  
Thesis Coordinator, GTU M.A. in Systematic Theology  
Academic Advisor, PLTS and GTU  
Formation Group Facilitator  
Faculty Sponsor, PLTS Choir  
Candidacy Committee member, Sierra Pacific Synod, ELCA

#### **Previous Professional Experience**

**Assistant Professor of Practical Theology: Youth and Family Ministries, and Director,**  
*Life Together: Theological Programs for High School Youth*, Pacific Lutheran  
Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA. (1999 – 2009).

**Grant Development, Implementation, and Administration:** Lilly Theological Education for High School Youth Grants (1998 – 2011).

**Lecturer,** Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (1996 – 1999) **Courses:** Christian Education in the Parish, Systematic Theology I [TEEM], Systematic Theology II [TEEM]

**Adjunct Faculty,** Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (1994) **Courses:** Readings in Theology and Ecology; Readings in Atonement Theology

**Dean's Associate for Community Life,** Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (1998)

**Editorial Assistant,** *dialog: a journal of theology*, (1992 – 1995)

**Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry,** Salem Lutheran Church (1979-1984)

## Teaching and Administrative Competence

### Systematic and Constructive Theology

Global/Contextual Lutheran Theologies, Philosophical/Theological Methods and Hermeneutics, Trinity, Creation, Theological Anthropology, Sin and Evil, Christology, Soteriology, Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, Eschatology, Science and Theology, Ecological Theology, Theologies of Liberation [African, Feminist and Latin American], History of Theology, Martin Luther, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jürgen Moltmann, Karl Rahner, Jon Sobrino, Ignacio Ellacuría, Catherine Keller, Martin Heidegger, Søren Kierkegaard, Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Dorothee Sölle

### Practical Theology and Christian Education

Congregational Studies, Pedagogical Theories and Methods, Educational Ministries in Congregations, Contextual Education, Teaching Across Cultures Curriculum Development, Using the Bible with Children, Confirmation Ministries, Youth and Family Ministries, Educating Adult Learners, Theology of Education, Faith Development in Children, Youth and Adults, Education as Spiritual Formation, bell hooks, Eric Law, Paulo Friere, Parker Palmer

### Administration

Advising Diaconal Ministry students from admission to consecration, including discernment of call, navigation of the candidacy process in the ELCA, project development, supervision and evaluation

Grant research, grant writing, grant reporting, program development, conflict resolution, employee supervision

## Publications

***Anticipating God's New Creation: Essays in Honor of Ted Peters.*** Edited by Carol R. Jacobson and Adam Pryor. Minneapolis: Lutheran University Press, 2015. In addition to being co-editor, I authored the introduction to the book as well as an essay in it.

**“Will God Save the World Or Not? Prolepsis, Open Theism, and the World’s Future”**  
*Currents in Theology and Mission* 39:4 (August 2012). I also edited this entire *Currents* issue.

**“A Vision Bigger Than Ourselves,”** *Lutheran Partners* 24:2 (March/April 2008).

**“How Do We Make the Gospel Come Alive in Education and Evangelism?”** *Christian Education as Evangelism*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007.

**“Let the Little Children Come: Teaching the Bible With Children”** *The Ministry of Children’s Education: Foundations, Contexts, and Practices*. Minneapolis: Augsburg Fortress Press, 2004.

**“God Creates Teachers,”** in *T.A.L.K. (Teaching and Learning with Kids)*, Augsburg Fortress Press, 2004.

**“Sabbath Keeping for Busy Christians,”** *The Clergy Journal* 80:5 (March 2004).

**“Universality and Uniqueness,”** *dialog: a journal of theology* 41:2 (Summer 2002).

**“For God So Loved the World, Not Just the People,”** *Currents in Theology and Mission*, 21:1 (Summer 1993), 31-34.

**“A Response to the ELCA Statement on the Environment,”** *dialog: a journal of theology* (Summer 1993).

**“Biology and Theology,”** *CTNS Bulletin*, 11:2 (Spring 1991).

**“Theological Responses to Environmental Challenges,”** *CTNS Bulletin*, 10:3 (Summer 1990).

### **Presentations, Continuing Education Curricula, Workshops, and Consultations**

**Forming Adolescent Faith: Neuroscience, Social Media and the Search for God,** PLTS Praxis, Fall 2015, October 12 — November 20, 2015. Online Continuing Education program.

**Story of Place and Displacement,** Practice Discipleship 2015, ELCA Youth Extravaganza, January 30—February 2, 2015. Workshop at Event and Webinar [April 7, 2015].

**The Growing Edge,** Missional Leadership Academy of the Grand Canyon Synod (ELCA), 8 March 2014.

**Forgiveness is Freedom: Living Lutheran in Rwanda,** PLTS Community Presentation, Fall 2013.

**Where Call and Culture Meet,** First Call Theological Education, ELCA Region 2, April 9—11, 2013.

**Where Are *Your* Hippos?: Growing Partnership Between Youth in the Sierra Pacific Synod and the Lutheran Church of Rwanda,** PLTS Community Presentation, Fall 2012.

**What's Emerging?** Sierra Pacific Synod District C Assembly, Reading Congregations/Emerging Church Presentation to District Pastors, 22 October 2011.

**Deictic Realities: The Language of Lutheran Identity in Diaspora,** PLTS 2011 Luther Lecture, 2 November 2011

**The Weave of Community: In Formation at Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church,** Educational Ministry Consultation, September 2010 – January 2011.

**3 x 3: Matrices for Theological Education in Emerging Ministries,** TEEM Curriculum Review, January 2011.

**Lord, When Did We See ...: Making Sense of Matthew 25,** Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly, Burlingame, CA. May 13-15, 2011. Daily Bible studies at the assembly.

**Course in Youth and Family Ministries for PSR Certification Program,** Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA. Summer 2009.

**“Where Call and Culture Mix,”** ELCA Diaconal Ministry Formation Event, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Gettysburg, PA. Addresses given yearly 2007—2013.

**“Into the World, Into Each Human Heart: Contextualization and Integration in Teaching and Learning,”** 4 Lectures, TEEM Mentors/ Students Conference, PLTS, October 2008.

**“How Important Is Being Lutheran For Mission,** 2008 ELCA Convocation of Teaching Theologians, “Missional Education: Savvy with Substance:” August 2008.

**“Diving Deeper into Genesis 3,”** Bible studies for high school youth, ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering, Summer 2007.

**“Passing On Our Faith: False Starts, Faith Formation, and Fruitful Foundations for Youth Ministries in the 21st Century,”** Keynote addresses and workshops, Northeast Ohio Synod Assembly, June 2006.

**“Reading Congregations and Their Contexts,”** First Call Theological Education Event, Christ the King Retreat Center, Citrus Heights, CA, February 21, 2006.

**“Led To Lead: God’s Gift and Our Vocation,”** keynote addresses at the ELCA Education Network Meeting, Chicago, November 17-20, 2005.

**“Life Together at PLTS”** for the Lutheran Colleges, Universities and Seminaries That Received Lilly Endowment Grants For High School Youth, February 20 – 22, 2004.

**“Here I Am! Send Me!,”** for the Western Mission Cluster Youth Discernment Event at Faith Lutheran Church, Seattle, Washington, May 2, 2004.

**“Learning By Doing: Worship as Curriculum,”** for the San Francisco Theological Seminary  
Annual Education Network Meeting, September 28, 2002.

**“God For Us: Self-Giving Love As God’s Identity And Activity,”** an adult forum series for First  
Congregational Church of Berkeley, November 2001.

**“Fill ‘Em Up,”** a four session Sunday School Teacher Training Event for the Sierra Pacific Synod,  
August 2001.

### **Professional Service**

ELCA Christian Educators Advisory Board (2009 – 2010 )  
ELCA Sierra Pacific Synod Candidacy Committee (2014 - present)  
ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Candidacy Committee (2002 – 2014)  
Director, PLTS Diaconal Ministry Program, 2012 - present  
PLTS Faculty Academic Committee Member (2009 – present, Chair since 2014)  
Chair, Curriculum Revisioning Task Force, 2014 - present  
Co-Facilitator of weekly PLTS Worship, 2012 - present  
Member, CLU Graduate And Professional Student Affairs Committee, 2014 - present  
Member, PLTS Accessibility Committee, 2013 - present  
PLTS Faculty Community Committee (2003 - 2009)  
Faculty Advisor, Annual PLTS Spring Youth Retreat (1999-2011)  
Member, East Bay Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes Steering Committee (2011 - present)  
Member, Resurrection Lutheran Church, Oakland, CA. (1996 – present)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Academy of Religion  
Association of Teaching Theologians (ELCA)  
Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education  
Lutheran Association of Christian Educators

### **Academic Honors and Awards**

Newhall Fellowship for Teaching and Research, Graduate Theological Union (1990 – 1993)  
M.A., Graduate Theological Union, with honors