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I. PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Since earning tenure at Seattle University, my professional trajectory has been defined by the integrated practice of teaching, scholarship, service, and institutional leadership in alignment with the university's Jesuit mission. As Founding and now Executive Director of the Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement, I have advanced innovative pedagogy through the CEIE Leadership Academy, produced a sustained body of interdisciplinary scholarship with leading presses, and provided service at the highest institutional, national, and global levels. The pursuit and completion of an Executive MBA at Seattle University further reflects my intentional commitment to cultivating the organizational, strategic, and ethical capacities required to lead mission-centered initiatives in higher education today.

II. EDUCATION

2022-2024	Executive Leadership MBA (EMBA) Albers School of Business and Economics <i>Summa cum laude</i> – 4.0 <i>Beta Gamma Sigma</i> – International Business Honor Society, Inductee and Member
2001-2006	Ph.D., Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois Constructive Theology Dissertation: <i>Encountering Cruelty: A Fracture at the Heart of Western Christianity</i> <i>Summa cum laude</i> – 4.0 Oral Defense – With Distinction <i>Dissertation of the Year at Loyola in the Humanities</i>
2001-2004	Maximilian Universität, Munich Germany (Certificate – 1 Year Ecumenical Studies)
1999-2000	Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Illinois Th.M., Systematic Theology Thesis: Heidegger and Rahner – The Suffering of the <i>Anthropos</i> and the Other <i>Summa cum laude</i> – 4.0

1993–1995	Duke University Durham, North Carolina M.T.S., Theology and Culture Thesis: Luther and Machiavelli – From Anthropology to Political Ethic <i>Magna cum laude</i> – 3.85
1994–1995	North Carolina Central University, Durham, North Carolina B.A., English Literature – Harlem Renaissance <i>Summa cum laude</i> – 4.0
1987–1991	Bethany Lutheran Liberal Arts College, Lindsborg, Kansas B.A., Philosophy and Theology, English Literature Minor Paper: From Hegel to Bloom: Antecedents of Hegel’s <i>Geist</i> in Classical Structure

III. STATUS AND PARTIAL SEATTLE UNIVERSITY SERVICE CHRONOLOGY

2011	Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry
2011–2014	Principal Investigator, Henry Luce Foundation Grant (Interreligious Fluency & Practice at STM)
2012–2013	Participant, Arrupe Seminar: Ignatian Spirituality, Seattle University
2013–Present	Steering Committee Member, Consortium of Interdisciplinary Scholars, Seattle University
2013–2017	Co-Chair, Interreligious Dialogue Initiative (IDI), Mission & Ministry, Seattle University
2013	Completed Faculty Development for Online Instruction, Seattle University
2014	Organizer, International Conference: “Religious Identity in the 21st Century,” Seattle University
2015–2016	Member, Seattle University Year of the Teacher Steering Committee
2015–2017	Member, Seattle University President’s Leadership Council
2015–2016	Council Member, Financial Literacy & Management in Ministry (Luce Grant), Seattle University

2016	Faculty Delegate, Universidad Centroamericana (UCA), Nicaragua, Seattle University
2016–2017	Member, Center for Digital Learning & Innovation Faculty Interest Group
2017	Tenure and Advancement – Associate Professor and Associate Dean, Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry
2018–2022	Member, Seattle University Rank & Tenure Committee
2019–2021	Director and Spehar-Halligan Professor, Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs, Seattle University
2020–2023	Member, Office of Sponsored Research Advisory Board, Seattle University
2021–2022	Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees Committee: Brand, Reputation & External Affairs
2021–2025	Founding Director & Spehar-Halligan Professor, Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (CEIE), Office of the Provost, Seattle University
2024	Invitation Participant, Mission Priority Examen Consultation (Ecumenical & Interreligious Focus), Seattle University
2025	Chair, Preamble Committee, Seattle University Faculty Handbook
2025–Present	Executive Director & Spehar-Halligan Professor, Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (CEIE), Office of the Provost, Seattle University
2026	Seeking Status of Full Professor at Seattle University

IV. APPOINTMENTS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

2026	New Member, United Nations Multi-Faith Advisory Council, part of the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development
2021-2026	<i>Spehar-Halligan Professor and Executive Director – Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement at Seattle University (Office of the Provost)</i>
2025-2026	<i>Vice Chair, Parliament of the World's Religions – The oldest multilateral interreligious organization of its kind, founded in 1893 at the World's Fair in Chicago. Also Chair of the Nominating Committee</i>
2025-2027	<i>Invited Member, Academic Reference Group on Inter-Religious Dialogue,</i>

	<i>Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation Programme, World Council of Churches</i>
2024	<i>Audience Choice Award – CEIE Leadership Academy, in the Harriet Stephenson Business Plan Competition at the SU Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (IEC)</i>
2024	<i>Inductee and Member - Beta Gamma Sigma, International Business Honor Society</i>
2023	<i>Recipient – National Honor: Gwynne Guibord Award for Excellence in Interreligious Leadership</i>
2019-2024	<i>Principal Investigator – Henry Luce Foundation, Theology for a New Generation, US \$500,000 grant at Seattle University</i>
2011-2024	<i>Principal Investigator – Tillie & Alfred Shemanski Testamentary Trust, Interreligious Initiatives, over US \$350,000</i>
2021-2023	<i>Member – The United Nations Environmental Program Faith/Religion-Science Consortium (Faith for Earth UN Initiative)</i>
2021-2022	<i>Faculty Representative – Seattle University Board of Trustees Committee: Brand, Reputation & External Affairs (SU Board of Trustees Committee Invitation) Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development</i>
2019-2023	<i>Participant – U.S.- Egypt Christian-Muslim Bilateral Dialogue (Hosted annually in Egypt and the United States)</i>
2018-2022	<i>Seattle University Rank & Tenure Committee</i>
2017	<i>Fellowship – Science in the Seminaries: American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Association of Theological Schools</i>
2016	<i>Hartman Institute Christian Leadership Initiative Fellowship – Two summers of study in Jerusalem with Christian theologians from throughout the United States</i>
2012–2014	<i>Junior Faculty Professional Development Grant – Seattle University (fall, 2013)</i>
2009-2010	<i>Thrivent Fellowship – Awarded to the top promising young senior executive leaders and scholars of the Lutheran-Christian experience in North America. Bethany College 2008 Alumni Gold Award Recipient. Award presented to the graduate of the last two decades to recognize their outstanding achievement and service to society and the academy</i>
2008	<i>Thrivent Grant – Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) \$15,000.00 Grant Funded by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for a WCC Consultation on my dissertation topic: Cruelty and Reconciliation in the World.</i>
2008	<i>Award for Best Original Dissertation of the Year in the Humanities – Loyola University, Chicago.</i>
2008	<i>Lutheran World Federation Scholarship, Stuttgart Germany</i>
2003	<i>German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Full Scholarship – Bremen, Germany</i>

2003	<i>Loyola University Graduate Assistantship Stipend Award</i>
2001-2003	<i>Loyola University Graduate School Full Tuition Scholarship</i>
2000-2005	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Educational Grant</i>
2000-2005	Stipend – <i>Collegium Oecumenicum: Internationales Theologisches Studienkolleg, Munich, Germany</i>
2000-2004	<i>Full Tuition Award – Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago</i>
1993	<i>Red Cross Outstanding Service Award</i>
1993	<i>Aid Association for Lutherans Outstanding Service Award</i>

V. TEACHING

As a constructivist leader and educator, I bring to the classroom the dual formation of an Executive MBA and a doctorate in constructive theology, grounded in existential phenomenology and continental philosophy. My teaching integrates the disciplines of theology, organizational leadership, and human development, informed by the Ignatian commitment to *cura personalis*—the care and formation of the whole person. I am an interdisciplinarian and an integrationist by nature: as a thinker, organizer, and leader,

I design learning environments that engage intellectual, ethical, and relational dimensions of formation. I teach in executive leadership programs that serve both nonprofit and private industry sectors, developing courses that are relevant to the moral and organizational challenges of our time. I create and thrive in asynchronous, synchronous, and hybrid instructional environments that invite students to connect theory with lived practice, reflection with leadership action, and discernment with decision-making.

A current example of this pedagogical and organizational integration is the CEIE Leadership Academy, which I founded in 2024. By merging the *Religica* and *Interfaith Observer* digital platforms into a unified curricular ecosystem, I convened a team of content and design experts to develop the multi-user course *Seeking Religious Literacy*, now taught as part of CEIE’s Winter Series. The course engages Seattle University students, alumni, and community leaders, exemplifying a model of *learning across publics*—where students teach, alumni lead, and the university extends its mission outward.

Earlier, in 2017, I reimagined the classroom as a virtual space, anticipating the pivot to digital learning necessitated by the global health emergency in 2020. My instructional design now draws upon tools such as Canvas, Asana, WordPress, Vimeo, and advanced editorial production platforms to craft an accessible and dynamic learning experience that situates the world itself as the classroom.

Below is a representation of my areas of teaching and scholarly competence, with reference to specific courses and leadership modules that embody this integrative and mission-driven approach to education.

V. A – AREAS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND TEACHING COMPETENCE

Constructive Theology

Leadership – Systems Thinking

Religion and Race

Comparative Religious Studies

Modern Ecumenical Movements

Interreligious/Multifaith

Religious Studies in Pluralism

Post-Modern Contextual Theologies

Executive Leadership

V. B – COURSES FOR CLASSROOM AND COMMUNITY AT SEATTLE

2011-2026 Graduate Courses

- *Residential Certificate Program: Discerning Leadership* – I launched a week-long residential certificate in the new CEIE Leadership Academy. In Year 1, 23 religious executives participated on June 21-27, 2025. CEIE is preparing for Year 2, June 22-26, 2026, aiming at a second cohort of 45 students. Five SU faculty and five career coaches planned and accompanied all students
- *Leading Organizations within Systems*, EXLR 5220 – Fall, Winter 2024-26
- *Seeking Religious Literacy* – Asynchronous, Synchronous, and Hybrid annual courses – 2023-2026
- *Faith for Earth* – Sacred Perspectives to the World Around Us – SU Core, 2022 and 2023, Two Sections Prepared
- *Capstone Master's Synthesis* – For all STM Students – 2021-2023
- *Theology of the Human Person and the Discovery of Meaning* – Fall 2020, Winter 2021
- *Theology in an Ecumenical Context* – 2013 – 2022
- *Jesus the Christ: A Global View of Christological Lenses* – Spring 2021
- *To Hell and Back: Evil and Redemption in Western History* – 2014-2020
- *God in the Sacred: Studies in Cosmology* – 2016-2018. See intro lecture here - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoOchDM8jHo>
- *Christian Theological Ethics* – 2015-2018
- *Engaging Society with Gospel Values* – STMD [Doctor of Ministry program] – 2015-2017. See online lecture here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-O4XOpRySr4>
- *Independent Studies* [Hard Conversations: Race and Incarcerated Communities] – 2015
- *The Lutheran Confessions for the 21st Century* – 2012-2019
- *Spirit of Reconciliation: Ecumenical and Interreligious Approaches Today* – 2012
- *Pacific Northwest Culture and Religious Identity* – 2016-2017
- *Independent Studies* [Including: Hard Conversations on Race, Theology and Incarcerated Communities, Formative Womanist Theologians, Interfaith Methodologies] – 2011-2021

2016-2026 Public Canvas Courses and Resources:

- **2026 – [CEIE Leadership Academy](#)** – In the 2026 Academic Year, I am leading the CEIE team in launching a new life-long-learning model at Seattle University, offering a series of courses for non-traditional students from local to international contexts. Year 1 courses include:
 1. *Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Spirituality*. Instructor: Dr. Wanda Gregory – 2025

2. *The U.S. Constitution, Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Expression: A Primer*. Instructor: Dr. Andrew Siegel. Introduction by SU President Eduardo Peñalver
 3. *Interreligious 101: Getting Engaged*. Instructors are from religious leadership throughout the Pacific Northwest. Directed by CEIE Assist. Dir., Rev. Dr. Kara Markell
- **2024** – [Gratitude, Injury, and Repair in a Pandemic Age](#) – A multi-media public canvas study resource that accompanies CEIE’s eponymous publication.
 - **2023** – [Seeking Religious Literacy](#) – Asynchronous, Synchronous, and Hybrid versions (Public Course for SU Alumni) (Summer 2023, Winter 2024, Winter 2025).
 - **2022** – [Faith for Earth: A Call for Action](#) – At the Center: *Laudato Si* and an Interfaith Primer titled *Faith for Earth*, in collaboration with The Parliament of the World’s Religions.
 - **2020** – A multi-media platform that responds to the roots and continued aggravations of violence, and how to respond in ways that heal our shared future.
 - **2018** – [Seeking Wisdom Series](#) – A multi-media platform that is committed to wisdom across all disciplines of learning for the greater good of both university and society.
 - **2019** – [Homelessness Series](#) – From 2016-19, the center convened scholars, practitioners, and those who experienced homelessness in order to provide a depth of resources and capacity.

2004-2012

- Lecturer, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (*Christian and Interreligious Global Relations: Conflict, Reconciliation, and Building Communities of Peace* (June 2011), *A Constructive Theology: Job and the Brokenness of God* (spring, 2011), *New Ontology: Cruelty in the Mind of God*: (fall, 2008)
- Faculty, Gettysburg Lutheran School of Theology (*Christian and Interreligious Global Relations: Conflict, Reconciliation, and Building Communities of Peace* (Summer, 2011)
- Auxiliary Faculty, Loyola University Chicago (*Moral Problems: Religion, Violence and the Politics of Reconciliation, Christian Moral Theology, and Introduction to Systematic Theology*)
- Primary Instructor and Coordinator, Lutheran World Federation (Seminar: *The Ecumenical Church and Inter-Religious Relations in a Globalizing World*), (Organized this annual January seminar for 30 graduate students per year) Presentations offered by prominent religious scholars, NGO leaders, and United Nations leadership
- Instructor of Record, Grand Canyon University (*Philosophy and Religion Undergraduate Courses in Christian Ethics, fundamentals of Christian Theology*)

VI. SCHOLARSHIP

My scholarship integrates constructive theology, leadership studies, and interreligious engagement to address the moral and organizational challenges of pluralism in the twenty-first century. Rooted in existential phenomenology and guided by a commitment to public vocation, I understand scholarship as a practice of meaning-making that links intellectual rigor to the pursuit of social transformation. Across books, edited volumes, articles, and collaborative projects, my work bridges academic inquiry with leadership formation, civic engagement, and interfaith understanding.

In this sense, my scholarship is not only interdisciplinary but integrational – drawing from theology, organizational theory, and ethics to explore how individuals and institutions discern purpose, cultivate resilience, and enact justice. The result is a body of work that contributes simultaneously to constructive theological reflection and applied leadership education. It is scholarship that seeks to form leaders capable of navigating complexity with discernment, empathy, and strategic imagination.

a. Volumes

Trice, Michael Reid. *A Beautiful Team: On Belonging, Connection, and the Limits that Shape Us* (Cascadia, 2027)

Trice, Michael Reid, Kusumita Pederson, John Pawlikowski, David Hales, Michael Terrien, Eds. *Our Common Home and its Future: Pope Francis, Integral Ecology and Lessons Learned from Covid-19* (Georgetown University Press, 2026)

Trice, Michael Reid. Marc Cohen, Kara Markell, Sofia Sayabalian, Eds. *Discerning Leadership* (Georgetown University Press, 2026)

Thorsen, Don, Jeanette Bouknight, Michael Reid Trice, Robby Waddell, Eds. *Nicaea: The Council and Creed that Defined Christianity* (Friendship Press, 2025)

Trice, Michael Reid; Patricia O’Connell Killen, Eds. *Gratitude, Injury and Repair in a Pandemic Age: An Interreligious Dialogue* (Georgetown University Press, 2025)

Trice, Michael Reid and Simone Sinn. Eds., 2015. *Religious Identity and Renewal in the Twenty-first Century: Christian and Muslim Explorations*. Evangelische Verlagsanstalt (Leipzig: Germany) [This text was used at the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, and for this purpose was translated into German by October 2017]

Trice, Michael Reid. (2011). *Encountering Cruelty: A Fracture in the Human Heart*. (Studies in Systematic Theology, Vol. 6). Brill (Boston, Massachusetts)

Trice, Michael Reid, 2011. Deenabandhu Manchala and Drea Frochtling (eds.), *Cruelty and Christian Witness: Confronting Violence at its Ugliest.*, Geneva: World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Series

b. Peer Reviewed Book Chapters and Articles

Trice, Michael Reid. “A Cross-Religious Response to Autocracy at the Demise of Post WWII Multilateralism” *Interfaith Relations: What We Have Learned* [anticipated title of volume], (Friendship Press, 2026)

Trice, Michael Reid. “A Beautiful Team,” *Discerning Leadership* (Georgetown University Press, 2026).

Trice, Michael Reid. "Our Pandemic Age, Relationships, and Forgetting" *Gratitude, Injury and Repair in a Pandemic Age* (Georgetown University Press, 2025)

Trice, Michael Reid. "Lessons from the Field: Nicaea, American Populism, and Christian Nationalism," *Ecumenical Review* 76.5 (Wiley Press, 2025)

Trice, Michael Reid. "Systemic Racism as National Original Sin," *Confronting Racism and White Supremacy in the United States: Twenty-First-Century Theological Perspectives* (Friendship Press, 2024)

Trice, Michael Reid. "Cruelty in Xavier's Ideation of 16th Century Japan" Title of edited volume to be determined. This is a joint scholarly collaboration between faculties at Seattle University, the University of Tokyo and Koyasan University – Forthcoming.

Trice, Michael Reid. "Step-by-Step: A Theological Rendering of a Consultative Panel," *More than a Cup of Coffee and Tea: Theological Reflections on Lutheran-Muslim Relationships*, Ed. David Grafton (Pickwick Fall, 2021)

Trice, Michael Reid, "Cruelty is a Swamp Thing," *Sightings*, University of Chicago, 2019

Trice, Michael Reid, "Mending the World: Engaging Generosity," *Mending the World Church of Sweden International Conference*, Ed. Grenhold, Carl-Henric and Gören Gunner, eds. (Church of Sweden Research Series, Vol. 10.), Eugene, Oregon: (Pickwick Publications: Spring, 2018)

Trice, Michael Reid, "On Incarceration: For Our Shared Future," *Thinking Theologically about Mass Incarceration: Biblical Foundations and Justice Imperatives*. National Council of Churches Faith and Order Theological Series. Antonios Kireopoulos, Mitzi Budde, and Matthew Lundberg, Eds. (Paulist Press, 2018)

"Luther and Machiavelli: The Human Subject, Religion and the State," in *Secular Law and Lutheran Theology: The Work of the Modern State*, Marie A. Failing and Ronald W. Duty, eds., (Routledge, 2018)

Trice, Michael Reid. 2017. "Cruelty, Torture and Interrogation: A Powerful Discourse in the Cooption of the American Psychological Association" *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*, Vol. 37, Number 1, Spring/Summer 2017

Trice, Michael Reid. 2017. "The Churches and Capital Punishment", *Ecumenical Trends* Vol. 46

Trice, Michael Reid. 2016. "The Future of Religious Identity: A Spirit of Generosity," *Religious Identity and Renewal in the Twenty-first Century*. Simone Sinn and Michael Reid Trice, Eds. Leipzig: (Evangelische Verlagsanstalt), 19–36

Trice, Michael Reid. 2016. "Jesuit Gifts and Ecumenical Partners at the Seattle University School of

Theology and Ministry”, *Ecumenism and Ignatian Spirituality: Proceedings of the 22nd International Congress of Jesuit Ecumenists*, Robert J. Daly S.J. and Thomas Hughson, S.J., Eds., The Institute of Advanced Jesuit Studies at Boston College. 145-251

Trice, Michael Reid. 2016. “Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist: A Commentary.” *Ecumenical Trends*. Vol. 45, No. 6 (June). 1–4, 15

Trice, Michael Reid. 2015. “A Future in the Hyphen: The Dawning of the Faculty-Administrator,” *Journal for the Association of Theological Schools*, *Theological Education*, Vol. 49 (2):45–57

Trice, Michael Reid. 2014. “Nostra Aetate, At Fifty There is Wisdom” *A Jubilee for All Time: The Copernican revolution in Jewish-Christian Relations*. Gilbert S. Rosenthal, Ed. Eugene, Oregon: (Pickwick Publications) 182-188

Trice, Michael Reid. 2014. “‘There’s an App for That!’: A Post-Christian Lutheran Response.” *Lutheran Identity and Political Theology*. Grenhold, Carl-Henric and Gören Gunner, eds. (Church of Sweden Research Series, Vol. 9.), Eugene, OR: (Pickwick Publications) 67–80

Trice, Michael Reid. 2013. “Lutheran and Muslim Relations—An Encounter.” *Christian-Muslim Relations in the Anglican and Lutheran Communion: Historical Encounters and Contemporary Projects*. David D. Grafton, Joseph Duggan and Jason Craige Harris, Eds. New York: (Palgrave Macmillan), 111–126

Trice, Michael Reid. 2013. “Vatican II for Lutherans: To Give and Take,” *Intersections: The 50th Anniversary of Vatican II*. Vol. 21, No. 2

Trice, Michael Reid. 2012. “Ecumenical, Interreligious and Global: The Future is Lutheran Buddhist?” *Conversations: On Jesuit Higher Education*. Number 42: 44-45

Trice, Michael Reid 2012. “‘Liefdevolle’ wreedheid: mannen en vrouwen in overleg,” *Dubbele Dialoog: Vrouwen en Mannen in Interreligieuze Ontmoetingen*, Nelly van Doorn-Harder and Riet Bons-Strom, Eds, (Narratio: Gorichem, Netherlands 41-47

Trice, Michael Reid. 2011. “Forming Religious Identity in the Context of Religious Pluralism,” *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*. Vol. 11, Issue 3

Trice, Michael Reid. 2011. “Cruelty – The Uglier Face of Violence,” *Cruelty and Christian Witness: Confronting Violence at its Ugliest.*, Trice, Michael Reid, Deenabandhu Manchala and Drea Frochtling (eds.), Geneva: World Council of Churches, Faith and Order Series, 2011. 1-12

Trice, Michael Reid. 2009. “Cruelty in the Mind of God.” *Lutheran World Federation Journal*. Vol. 9, Issue 2

Trice, Michael Reid. 2006. “Diving Down: Vigilance and Discernment of Caritas Deus Est,” *Journal of*

Lutheran Ethics. Vol. 6, Issue 9

Trice, Michael Reid. 2004. *Cruelty, Jesus' Execution, and Two Signposts*, Lutheran World Federation Series Thinking It Over, Issue #4 1-3

c. Reviews

Trice, Michael Reid. "A Review of Beyond Interfaith Harmony: How Participants Perceive the Impact of an Interfaith Leadership Program in Flanders and the Netherlands," *Journal of Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology* (Fall, 2024).

Trice, Michael Reid Fall, 2017. *Care for the Sorrowing Soul: Healing Moral Injuries from Military Service and Implications for the Rest of us*, by Duane Larson and Jeff Zust, Wipf & Stock, 2017.

Trice, Michael Reid 2016. "A Review of Kevin Considine's Salvation for the Sinned-Against: Han and Schillebeeckx in Intercultural Dialogue," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (December 2016), Vol 16, Issue 9)

Trice, Michael Reid 2015. "Robert Shedinger's *Jesus and Jihad: Reclaiming the Prophetic Heart of Christianity and Islam*," *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (November 2015), Vol. 15, Issue 9

Trice, Michael Reid. 2015. *Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung's Vainglory: The Forgotten Vice*, *Journal of Lutheran Ethics* (September 2015), Vol. 15, Issue 8

d. Selection of Presentations, Consultations, and Keynotes

October 24, 2025 – Invited Panelist: *2025 Law & Religion Symposium*, University of Washington School of Law with Keynote by Ambassador am Brownback, Seattle, Washington

September 18, 2025 – CEIE Co-convenor with Dr. Onur Bakiner,: *Fr. Paoblo Benanti Presents: Artificial Intelligence, Faith, and Ethics*, Oberto Commons

June 13, 2025 – Presentation: *Breakfast Convening of Ecumenical and Interreligious Programs at Jesuit Colleges and Universities* during the Catholic Theological Society of America, Portland, Oregon

February 14, 2025 – Presenter and Moderator: *The Weakening of Religious Multilateralism and the Loss of Two Generations of Leadership*, Interchurch Center, United Nations New York Headquarters – ECOSOC Reception

July 28-29, 2024 – Invited Participant (brought 3 additional colleagues from Seattle University): *Intellectual Humility, Courage, Religious Literacy, and their Roles in Covenantal Pluralism*, a cross-university consultation funded by the Templeton Foundation

August 16, 2023 – Invited Panelist: Topic: *Universities and Carbon Divestment*, Faith for Earth Dialogue Session, Parliament of the World's Religions International Convening, Chicago, Illinois

August 17, 2023 – Moderator: Topic: *A Guided Process of Discovery – Post-Pandemic, Polycrisis, and the Response of Inner Development Goals*, Parliament of the World’s Religions International Convening, Chicago, Illinois

April 23, 2023 – Invited Speaker: *What should be the relationship between Religion and State?*, Fostering Interfaith Relationships on the Eastside, Kirkland, WA

February 7, 2023 – Presenter: *The Necessity of Inner Development for the Full Achievement of the SDGs*, Commission for Social Development, United Nations Complex New York

January 14, 2023 – Invited Speaker: *Martin Luther’s Word about Plagues*, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle

October 9, 2022 – Invited Panelist: National Council of Churches USA National Gathering: *The Challenge of Change: a Symposium for Graduate Theological Education*

June 30, 2022 – Paper: *A Pandemic Age, Injury, and the Rise of the Scapegoat*, International Colloquium on Violence and Religion, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia

April 25, 2022 – Workshop Presenter: *Religious Leadership amid a Pandemic Age*, Presentation at National Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington DC

March 2, 2022 – Principal drafter for Closing Statement of the United Nations Delegation for Faith for Earth Initiative, a historic moment for multiple faith traditions engaging with global environmental challenges today: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YBLRDIRfZLM>

March 13, 2021 – Workshop Presenter: *Emerging Ecumenical Focus amid Weakening Multilateralism*, Presentation at National Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington DC

September 6, 2020 – Office of Sponsored Research – Faculty Research Lighting Talk Presentation: *Interpreting Cruelty in Xavier’s 16th Century Japan*

August 29, 2019 – Paper: “A Generous Soul: Paying Debt Forward,” *Gratitude: Love, Power and Indebtedness*, Sponsored by the Issachar Fund, Yale Divinity School (New Haven, Connecticut)

September 13-14, 2018 – Panelist: “Future Directions for Interreligious Dialogue,” Georgetown University (Washington D.C.)

January 7, 2017 – Paper: *Cruelty, Torture and Interrogation: A Powerful Discourse* at the Society of Christian Ethics Annual Conference (New Orleans, Louisiana)

November 19, 2016 – Paper and Panel Moderator based on a conversation I started with an ever-broadening circle of colleagues (Patricia O’Connell Killen, Grant Taylor, Mary C. Boys, Mark Hearn) in the U.S.: *Living into the Hyphen: The Faculty-Administrator* at the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference (San Antonio, Texas)

February 25, 2016 – Search for Meaning: Title from Recent Publication by way of the 2014 international conference at Seattle University: *Religious Identity and Renewal in the 21st Century*, Seattle University

September 9, 2016 – New Faculty Institute Faculty Panel: Faculty Perspectives on Teaching in an Ignatian University

October 18, 2015 – Paper: *The Generosity Project: Re-imagining a Core of Religious Belonging in the 21st Century*. The Parliament of the World's Religions (Salt Lake City, Utah)

October 18, 2015 – Panelist: *Suffering as a Pathway to Service – Buddhist, Muslim, Christian and Hindu Perspectives*. The Parliament of the World's Religions (Salt Lake City, Utah)

October 14, 2015 – Paper: *The Future of Generosity – What on Earth are We Here For?* Conference Title: “Mending the World: Possibilities and Obstacles for Religion, Church and Theology.” University of Uppsala. (Uppsala, Sweden)

May 30, 2015 – Regional Panel: *A Forum on the Ignatian Charism for Ecumenical, Cultural and Religious Dialogue in light of General Congregation Thirty-Four*. Seattle University. (Seattle, Washington)

May 21-24, 2015 – Paper: *Remembering the Future of Religious Identity after Vatican II: A Spirit of Generosity*, Georgetown University Conference, Vatican II: Remembering the Future: Ecumenical, Interfaith and Secular Perspectives on the Council's Impact and Promise. Georgetown University. (Washington D.C.)

March 27, 2015 – Paper: *The Future of Interreligious Specificity amidst Pluralistic Opportunity*, American Academy of Religion Regional Conference. Marylhurst University. (Portland, Oregon)

August 11, 2014 – Paper: *The Future of Religious Identity: A Spirit of Generosity*, International Conference titled: Religious Identity in the 21st Century, co-sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation [Geneva] and Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. (Seattle, Washington)

October 8, 2013 – Paper: *There's an App for That! Post-Christian Lutheran Encounter*, at ‘Remembering the Past—Living the Future: Lutheran Tradition in Transition Conference. University of Uppsala (Uppsala, Sweden) [I was unable to attend. My father passed away the day of the presentation; my paper was accepted *in absentia*. The paper was published in the noted peer-reviewed book following the conference]

August 2, 2013 – Panelist: *The Ecumenical Spirit of a Faith that Does Justice*, at ‘On Fire at the Frontiers: A Jesuit Conference on Justice.’ Creighton Jesuit University (Creighton, Ohio)

July 15, 2013 – Paper: *Jesuit Gifts and Ecumenical Partners at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry* at the Ignatian Spirituality and Ecumenism Symposium for the 22nd Annual Conference of the International Society of Jesuit Ecumenists. (Tampa, Florida)

September 28, 2011 – Paper: *Christian-Muslim Implications for Dialogue and Economy*. Symposium co-organized by the Lutheran World Federation and Sabah Theological Seminary. (Sabah Theological Seminary: Sabah, Malaysia)

December 10, 2010 – Panelist: *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 multireligious 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.)

October 20, 2008 – Panelist: *Christian Theology and a Way Forward into the Future of Inter-Religious Relationships in the North American Context* at the Pre-Assembly to the American Academy of Religion. Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (Chicago, Illinois)

October 15, 2009 – Participant: Muslim-Christian International Conference: ‘*A Common Word: A Global Agenda for Change*.’ This represented the fourth global conference on this theme, including conferences at Yale, Cambridge, and the Vatican. Georgetown University (Washington D.C.)

November 7, 2007 – 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)

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

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

December 1-6, 2006 – Paper: *Cruelty – The Uglier Face of Violence*. The consultation derived from my dissertation on the same topic, organized through the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation (Pridoux, Switzerland)

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

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

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

April 4, 2003 – Paper: *A Holy War Mentality, and Ethical Interchangeability*. U.S. Catholic Graduate Students Conference entitled ‘Exchanging Particularities: New Directions in Comparative Theology, Interreligious Dialogue, Theology of Religions and Missiology.’ Boston University. (Boston, Massachusetts)

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

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

March 2000 – Paper: *Raising the Ethos: An Examination of Richard Morse’s Reclamation of Patrimonialism, Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery*. Colorado College. (Colorado Springs, Colorado)

VII. SERVICE

Service, for me, is an expression of leadership as accompaniment – the *practice* of walking alongside others to cultivate relationships, communities, and institutions that advance the common good. My service spans the university, the broader academic community, and global religious networks.

Within Seattle University, I have sought to build collaborative frameworks that embody our Jesuit mission of discernment, justice, and care for the whole person. As Executive Director of the Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (CEIE), I have led the integration of research, teaching, and community engagement through initiatives such as the CEIE Leadership Academy, *The Interfaith Observer* journal, and interdisciplinary certificate programs that bring our mission into dialogue with civic and global realities, and most often within the plural sector.

Beyond the university, my service reflects an enduring commitment to public leadership in interreligious and ethical collaboration. I have represented Seattle University and the academy through service to organizations such as the Parliament of the World’s Religions, the United Nations Environment Programme Religion–Science Consortium, and the Vatican’s COVID-19 Commission. In each of these roles, I work to connect scholarship to public practice – creating platforms where diverse voices address urgent moral, ecological, and civic challenges.

My service, therefore, is not ancillary to my teaching and scholarship but integral to them. It enacts the university’s call to form leaders for a just and humane world, grounding intellectual life in the real work of human encounter, institutional transformation, and global responsibility.

VII a - Service to Seattle University

2026	New Member, United Nations Multi-Faith Advisory Council, part of the UN Interagency Task Force on Religion and Sustainable Development
2025	Chair, Preamble Committee for the Seattle University Faculty Handbook
2025-2027	Vice Chair: Parliament of the World's Religions
2025-Present	Executive Director and Spehar-Halligan Professor: <i>Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (Office of the Provost)</i>
2024	Invitation to Participate in the Mission Priority Examen Consultation on Ecumenical and Interreligious Foci at SU (Nov 30)
2021-2025	Executive (Founding) Director: and Spehar-Halligan professor <i>Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement (Office of the Provost)</i>
2021-2022	Faculty Representative: <i>Board of Trustees Committee: Brand, Reputation & External Affairs</i>
2019-2021	Director: <i>Center for Religious Wisdom & World Affairs</i>
2018-2022	Seattle University <i>Rank & Tenure Committee</i>
2020-2023	Seattle University <i>Office of Sponsored Research Advisory Board</i>
2012-2019	Representative from the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry to the <i>National Disciples Seminary Foundation annual meetings</i>
2016-2017	Committee at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry 2016-2019 Strategic Plan
2016-2018	Member of the Invited Faculty Interest Group – Seattle University Center for Digital Learning & Innovation Faculty Interest Group
2016	SU Faculty Delegation to the Universidad Centro Americana de Nicaragua (March 9-12) ,
2016	Organizer: Conference titled: <i>Multiple Religious Belonging</i> . Sponsored with the World Council of Churches [Geneva], the United Church of Christ in the U.S. and Canada. Hosted at Seattle University (October 23-27, 2016) ,
2015-2018	Financial Literacy and Management in Ministry Council (A Henry Luce Grant focused on developing a curriculum for tomorrow's religious leaders toward fiscal competency. Includes theme of student debt management)
2015-2017	Member – Seattle University President's Leadership Council

2015-2016	Member – Seattle University Year of the Teacher Steering
2015	Participant, Seattle U. Middle East Strategy Discussion with Mohamed Alabbar, '82, Chairman, Emaar Properties (August 28, 2015)
2015	Workshop Presenter at the Day of Learning at Seattle University: An On-Campus Experience for Older Adults (in cooperation with the Northwest Center for Creative Aging and the Horizon House)
2014	Organized an international conference, titled: <i>Religious Identity in the 21st Century</i> . Cosponsored with the Lutheran World Federation [Geneva] (August 10-14, 2014)
2013-Present	Graduate Student Advisor at Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry
2013– Present	Steering Committee Member, Consortium of Interdisciplinary Scholars at Seattle University
2013–2017	Co-chair with Father Peter Ely – Interreligious Dialogue Initiative (IDI) in Mission & Ministry at Seattle University
2013	Successful completion of Faculty Development for Online Instruction at Seattle University through the Center for Digital Learning and Innovation (two courses completed and taught at STM)
2012–2017	Convener and Moderator for the Annual Interfaith Harmony Week Panel for the Advancement of Religious Awareness and Peace in the World. Each year [the first week of February] this event is hosted for all external constituencies at Seattle University (Seattle, Washington)
2012-2018	Convener and Moderator for annual event, titled: State of the Church. The event gathers diverse Christians in the Pacific Northwest to address the current state of religion in the region. Emphasis is on organizational discernment for effective collaboration in leadership
2012-2013	Participant, Arrupe Seminar: Ignatian Spirituality at Seattle University
2012	Participant, Western Conversations in Jesuit Higher Education, October 12-14, 2012, (Los Angeles, California)
2011-2014	Principal Investigator a three-year Henry Luce Foundation grant to support and enhance multi-religious fluency and religious practice at the SU School of Theology and Ministry. This leadership included participation within an STM faculty cohort for the construction of an eight-week faculty seminar with a focus on interreligious encounter across the specific guilds represented in STM
2011-2013	Organized with Harvard University a Pluralism Project that mapped the prevailing religious topography in the Pacific Northwest of the United States. Both survey and mapping were completed in 2013 and are updated annually through Harvard University

- 2011-Present** Faculty Colleague on the STM Formation or Curriculum Committees, and the current conjoined Committee of the Whole at STM
- 2011–2017** Speakers Series: In the past few years, I organized oversight on bringing specific academic offerings in public theology to Seattle University on issues of significant challenge to societal well-being. Speakers included: Robert Sellers, the chair of The Parliament of the World’s Religions, leading Jewish scholars David Rosen and Donniel Hartman, renowned singer Ysaye Barnwell, respected protestant theologians Martin Marty and Diana Butler Bass, and acclaimed journalist for PBS, Ray Suarez)
- 2011 – 2017** Reorganized and provide oversight of a significant, external constituency structure for STM Outreach Teams, which includes regular internal and external constituency reports, provides access to students from religious communities, and encourages religious community interest in degree programs. This is a significant aspect of communitarian outreach at the SU School of Theology and Ministry

VII b - Service to Academy and Guild

- 2025** Co-created with leadership at Boston College and Loyola University Maryland, a new network within the Associate of Jesuit Schools and Universities, for faculty leading in Ecumenical and Interreligious portfolios across the college/university system. Quarterly meetings
- 2024-Present** Associate Editor, International Peer-Reviewed *Journal for Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology*
- 2016-Present** Board of Trustees –The Parliament of the World’s Religions, the oldest international body of its kind for interreligious collaboration in the world
- 2015-Present** Committee Member – Two Committees: The National Council of Churches (NCC) Faith and Order Commission and the NCC Interreligious Dialogue Table
- 2017-2020** Officer - Secretary – The Parliament of the Worlds’ Religions
- 2020-Present** National Participant – Buddhist-Christian Dialogue and Hindu-Christian Dialogue through the auspices of the National Council of Churches in the United States
- 2016** Grant Recipient and Participant, Science for Seminaries program facilitated by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Association of Theological Schools (June 20-23, 2016). This grant enabled me to work with leading scholars in order to refine the SU course, God in the Sacred, which was a course focused on the comparative interreligious cosmologies aligned to a new golden age in astronomy and astrophysics. I taught this course in the summer, 2016

2015 - 2018	Committee Member, Association of Theological Schools Catholic Theological Education and Formation Committee
2014– 2016	Voting member, The Society of Christian Ethics
2014-2018	Member, Muslim-Christian Dialogue of the United States (This dialogue includes scholars from Jordan, Syria and Egypt. Annual meeting themes include: 2016 (Global Violence); 2015 (Sacred Text), 2014 (Comparative Spirituality)
2013– 2019	National Advisor, National Jesuit Interreligious Advisory Board for U.S. Provincials, at the invitation of the specialist assistant for interreligious dialogue to the president of Georgetown University
2013–Present	Member, Catholic Theological Society of America
2004–2012	Executive Advisory Board Member: A Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice, an interreligious center for Christian-Muslim relations at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago
2004–2011	Co-Chair, Jewish-Christian National Dialogue Table in the United States (National Council of Churches, U.S.A.)
2009–2011	Chair, Muslim-Christian National Initiative in the United States (National Council of Churches, U.S.A.)
2004–Present	Voting member, American Academy of Religion
1999–2012	Member, Society of Christian Philosophers
2000-2003	Graduate Student Liaison for Loyola University to the American Academy of Religion

VII c - Service to Society

October 19, 2025 – Invited Moderator: Anti-Defamation League Inaugural Summit in the Pacific Northwest: *Combating Anti-Semitism and Hate*, speakers from Hillel at University of Washington, an advocate on anti-discrimination policy, and a student from Whitman College

August 14, 2025 – Invited Moderator: Public Webinar: *An Urgent Need: Four Essential Features of Interfaith Leadership Today*, including former ambassador, Mr. Bruce Knotts

September 19, 2024 – Invited Keynote: *Confronting Hate Together* Exhibit Launch at Temple De Hirsch Sinai Synagogue.

March 12, 2024 – Moderator: Public Webinar: FOCUS24 | Faith, Democracy & Our Common Future: Shaping a Path Forward – Included former Mayor of New York, Bill deBlasio

April 23, 2022 -- Presenter: *What a Pandemic Age Teaches Us: Fearless Now – A Guided Process of Rediscovering Advocacy*, Workshop for the National Ecumenical Advocacy Network

March 14, 2022 – Presenter: Lessons from the *Religica Theolab and Hevruta Study Capacities*, American Jewish Committee.

February 22, 2022 – Presenter: *Faith for Earth in the University Curricula* – Panel at the International Convening of the United Nations Environment Program 5.2

March 13, 2021 – Presenter: *Religica and Current Features of Public Theology*, National Workshop on Christian Unity (Virtual Presentation with three members of the Center Team)

February 22-25, 2021 – Delegate: Fifth Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (Virtual 3 Day Meeting due to the Pandemic)

June 2-4, 2017 – Keynote Speaker: *Montana Synod Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* (Great Falls, Montana)

February 25, 2017 – Speaker: *Religious Identity and Renewal in the 21st Century*, Seattle University Search for Meaning (Seattle, Washington)

May 5-7, 2016 – Panelist: Presenter and Moderator: Faith and Order Table. Theme: *Incarcerated Communities and the Response of the Churches*. National Council of Churches U.S.A. (Baltimore, Maryland)

April 1-3, 2016 – Advisory Member and Panelist: *Ignatian Charism in Local Settings*, Meeting of the National Jesuit Interreligious Advisory Board for U.S. Provincials, Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House (Barrington, Illinois)

February 23, 2016 – Presenter: *Cruelty, Torture, Interrogation: The Recent External Study on Corroboration between the American Psychological Association and the United States Department of Justice*, at the Annual Ethics Seminar at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Attendees included chaplains, psychologists, medical doctors, upper military administration, and other personnel for mandatory ethics requirement on base (Tacoma, Washington)

January 25, 2016 – Presenter: *Religio-In A Bind: Lessons in Syria*, at the Pacifica Institute, (Seattle, Washington)

December 4, 2015 – Presenter: *A Theological Response to Incarcerated Communities since 1995*, National Council of Churches Interfaith Commission Annual Meeting, (Chicago, Illinois)

November 4, 2015 – Presenter: *Five Key Markers of Multiple Religious Belonging in a Pluralistic World*, Shadow Rock United Church of Christ Congregation (Phoenix, Arizona)

October 18, 2015 – Presenter: *The Generosity Project: Re-imagining a Core of Religious Belonging in the 21st Century*. The Parliament of the World's Religions (Salt Lake City, Utah) [This presentation is cross listed with Service to Academy]

October 11, 2015 – Presenter: With theology students and Catholic community at Stockholm University. Presentation: *Pluralism, Immigration and a Public Theological Response* (Stockholm, Sweden)

April 17, 2015 – Panelist: *A Public Theological Response of the Churches to the Privatization of Incarceration in the United States*, Ecumenical Advocacy Days (Washington D.C.)

November 17-18, 2014 – Workshop Facilitator: Four facilitated lectures on: *The Future of the Church, Confessional Identity, Religious Pluralism, and Interreligious Encounter in the 21st Century*, for the ELCA Region One 'First Call Theological Conference' (Tacoma, Washington)

June 20, 2014 – Presenter: *Pope Francis: Non-Violence through an Appeal to the Devil*, at the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting (Kalispell, Montana)

March 16, 2014 – Presenter: *Brave New Worlds: Seeking Religious Truth in a World with Multiple Meanings* [These presentations are given biannually in the spring and fall of each year 2014-2017], (Methow Valley, Washington)

March 15, 2014 – Panelist: *One Human Race*, hosted by the Amidiyya Muslim Community (Seattle, Washington)

November 2, 2013 – Presenter (unable to attend), *Practical Challenges of Christian Peace-Building Efforts in the United States* (WCC General Assembly, Busan, South Korea)

April 17-18, 2013 – Co-organizer and Presenter: *Shared Values and Moving the Needle in the Public Square*, National Meeting of the Christian Peace Circle, Seattle University (Seattle, Washington)

February 4-6, 2013 – Workshop Leader, Two days of five presentations on *The Future of Faith in a 21st Century Church: Notes from the Non-Zone* (Glacier National Park, Montana)

October 27, 2012 – Presenter: *Muslims and Christians Celebrating Eid Together*, at the Bosniak Islamic Center of Shoreline (Shoreline, Washington)

April 18, 2012 – Keynote: *You Will Be Called Repairer of Streets and Dwellings: 17 Years after the Bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building*. This presentation was delivered on the evening of the 17th anniversary, at the bombing site (Oklahoma City, Oklahoma)

March 18, 2012 – Panelist: *Theological Education in an Intentionally Ecumenical and Interreligious Context*, at the National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff (Pendle Hill Retreat Center, Pennsylvania)

February 25, 2012 – Presenter: ‘Search for Meaning Conference’, *Encountering Cruelty and the Moral Response*, (Seattle, Washington)

September 9, 2011 – Panelist: *10 Years After 9/11: from National Grief to Religious Conversations Today* (Seattle University, Washington)

June 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)

May 25, 2011 – Representative for the ELCA to the National Council of Synagogues and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, titled: *Covenant and Community* (Newton Centre, Massachusetts)

May 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 presented at the 10 Year International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (Kingston, Jamaica)

April 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)

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

March 2011 – Presenter, Invitee: *The Christian Peace Circle: The Future of the Christian Peace Movement in the United States*. Ecumenical Advocacy Days (Washington D.C.)

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.)

January 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 burning of a Quran in Lansing, Michigan in September 2010. (DeWitt, Michigan)

October 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.)

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

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

May 2010 – Commencement Speaker: *The Beginning of the Journey*, Southwestern College (Oxford, Kansas)

Delegate: Lutheran World Federation 10th Assembly (Stuttgart, Germany: July 2010)

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

May 2009 – Official Invitee: Hosted by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, this consultation drew together major Christian 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)

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

November 2009 – Panelist: *A Jewish-Christian Future with a Reconciled Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, the Institute for Clergy Education, (Kansas City, Missouri)

July 2009 – Keynote Speaker and Workshop Leader: *500 Years Later: Mennonites and Lutherans on Forgiveness* (included greeting the Mennonite General Convention on behalf of the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation (Mennonite National General Convention; Columbus, Ohio)

July 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)

November 2008 – Presenter: *Middle East Peace Making and Interfaith Initiatives: The Christian Response to the Interreligious Other* (Pre-American Academy of Religion Consultation at the Lutheran Theological Society of North America, Chicago, Illinois)

September 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)

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

May 2008 – Presenter: *Liberation Theology and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.* Jewish-Christian National Dialogue (Harvard University; Cambridge, Massachusetts)

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

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

December 2006 – Co-Convener: Global consultation of theologians gathered from 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.) (Pridoux, Switzerland: December 2006)

March 2005 – Presenter: Multiple Presentations through Service on the National Council of Churches Interfaith Commission and the Faith and Order Commission, beginning with presentation on March 16, 2005, titled: *Full Communion in the ELCA,* (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)

VII d- Service to Religious Community

Prior to 2011, I spent nearly twenty years working at the axis of religion, law and society within the plural sector. This included serving as the Associate Ecumenical and Interreligious Officer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and, earlier, working for Judge Robinson O. Everett, Chief Justice of the Military Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in the United States. Through the auspices of the Everett Law Firm in Durham, North Carolina, I assisted in constructing U.S. Supreme Court briefs that challenged racial gerrymandering in voting districts in North Carolina (which set a precedent for other states in the Union). I was present when these cases were argued at the U.S. Supreme Court from 1994-96. I likewise met regularly with clients in a death penalty appellate process in North Carolina.

As a consequence of these years of service, I remain committed to the role of religion as a force for good within society. In the Lutheran tradition, theology is always public and belongs to the entire community for the sake of the world. This means that my own constructive theological engagement is always at service to both society and the religious community, with an emphasis on being *simultaneously* pastoral and academic, practical and constructive, and dedicated to the church and to the academy. In this spirit, I completed the conditions for becoming a member of the clergy in the ELCA, and in the spring, 2017 I was ordained as a member of the clergy in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, receiving a special synodically approved call of service to Seattle University. I outline below the forms of service to my religious community.

- 2016-2021** Board of Trustees for The Parliament of the World's Religions, Secretary of the Board 2017-2020

- 2017** Ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – My clergy status is administered through the ELCA Pacific Northwest Synod, with ministerial call to the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry

- 2014–Present** Member, Muslim-Christian Dialogue of the United States (This dialogue includes scholars from Jordan, Syria and Egypt. Annual meeting themes include: 2016 (Global Violence); 2015 (Sacred Text), 2014 (Comparative Spirituality) [Also cross-listed with Academic Service]

- 2013–2014** Co-Creator and Co-Coordinator, *Christian Peace Circle*, a coordinated network created to multiply Christian networks at the intersection of peacebuilding in the United States

- 2011-2018** Convener and Moderator, Annual SU event titled: *State of the Church*. The event gathers diverse Christians in the Pacific Northwest to address the current state of religion in the region. Emphasis is on organizational discernment for effective collaboration in leadership

- 2011–Present** Commission Member, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States Interfaith Commission

- 2011–Present** Commission Member, National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States Commission on Faith and Order
- 2011** Co-Organizer: *International Christian-Muslim Bilateral Dialogue*. This dialogue theme was on the 'global economy' and included fifty attendees, co-sponsored by the Lutheran World Federation and hosted by Sabah Theological Seminary (Sabah, Malaysia: September 2011)

2010–2013	Steering Committee Member, <i>Shoulder-to-Shoulder: American Religious Leaders Standing Together Against Anti-Muslim Bias</i> , through the auspices of the Islamic Society of America
2009–2011	Associate Member, White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships
2006–2011	Member, Executive Steering Committee Religions for Peace USA
2009–2011	Co-Chair, Jewish-Christian National Dialogue Table in the United States, through the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States
2008–2010	Co-Chair, Muslim-Christian National Initiative in the United through the auspices of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States
2006–2011	Board Member: <i>The Decade to Overcome Violence</i> through the North American office for the World Council of Churches
2006–2011	Board Member, Church World Service Board of Directors
2004–2011	Delegate: World Council of Churches Ninth General Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil
2006	Member, National Planning Committee for the annual National Workshop on Christian Unity, USA
2004–2006	Member, North American Academy of Ecumenists
2004–2012	Advisory Board Member: A Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice, an interreligious center for Christian-Muslim relations at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Chicago
2004–2011	Member, National Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Officers Association
2004–2011	Associate Director for cultivating and advancing key ecumenical and interreligious relationships in the ELCA, which included the Pan-Methodist Commission [African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church], the United Methodist Church, the Episcopal Church, the Moravian Church Northern and Southern Provinces, the Catholic Church, the Reformed Church in America, the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., etc., and the Islamic Society of America, the American Jewish Committee, etc., and conciliar or pan-religious organizations, such as the National Council of Churches of Christ (U.S.A.), the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, the Council on Christian Unity, Shoulder-to-Shoulder National Religious Alliance, and more.

- 2004-2010** Member, National Association of Ecumenical and Interreligious Staff
- 2004-2010** Steering Committee Member, Christian Churches Together in the U.S.A., a conciliar body in North America, representing 80 million Christians
- 2004-2010** Co-Instructor and Co-Coordinator, at the Lutheran World Federation (Seminar: *The Ecumenical Church and Inter-Religious Relations in a Globalizing World*). I organized this annual January seminar for 30 graduate students per year) Presentations offered by prominent religious scholars, NGO leaders, and United Nations leadership [Also cross-listed with Areas of Scholarship and Teaching Competence]

VIII. POPULAR ESSAYS, BLOG POSTS AND RADIO INTERVIEWS

Please visit the *Religica Theolab* online platform at Religica, with over 200 podcasts, blogcasts, and additional resources I've created for use in local communities, as a service to all – www.religica.org

Op-Eds on the Online Non-Peer Reviewed International Interfaith Observer

May 2025 - [*Cruel Leaders Hope You'll Forget Decency*](#)

March 2025 – [*The Unravelling Social Contract*](#)

April 4, 2016 – “*How Religious Bigotry is Playing into Current U.S. American Politics.*” Our Muslim Neighbor Blog for Religions for Peace USA

September 11, 2015 – “*Muslim-Christian Dialogue is for the Birds: Reflections on 20 years after Genocide in Bosnia.*” Blog for Religions for Peace USA

June 5, 2014 – Seattle U Professor: “*Why Pope Francis is Talking about the Devil,*” Radio Interview with Dave Ross at Rossfire: <http://mynorthwest.com/813/2538001/Seattle-U-professor-Why-Pope-Francis-talking-about-the-devil>

November 7, 2013 – “Alas, Poor Vatican II! I Knew It Well,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Martin Marty Blog – *Sightings*, November 7, 2013.

May 10, 2012 – “Spring Sprung in 1964,” University of Chicago Divinity School, Martin Marty Blog – *Sightings*

March 2011 – *King Hearings: Canard or a Canary in a Coal Mine?* Odyssey Networks series ‘Faith under Fire,’

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

March 2007 – *Our Interreligious World*. *The Lutheran Magazine* (March).

November 1994 – *Plato and the Grecian Urn: The Moral Ideal, Ex Umbra*

September 1993 – “A World of Religions,” “Lemonade with God,” *Youth Talk* Series, Augsburg Fortress Press

IX. LANGUAGES

English:	Excellent
German	Strong
Erasmian Greek:	Reading
French:	Reading

X. AVOCATIONS

The Pacific Northwest and the American Southwest are my homes. Thinking, acting, guitar, kayaking, biking, reading, gardening, hiking, and carpentry are my avocations.

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