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**Education**

- 2000 Ph.D., Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Indiana.  
Specialization: History of Christianity  
Dissertation: "Sacred Space and Sacred Time in the Religious Experience of Angela of Foligno (1248-1309)"
- 1997 M.A., University of Notre Dame.
- 1989-90 Post-M.Div. studies, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 1988 Master of Divinity, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 1985 B.A., *summa cum laude*, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa.  
Major: Classical Studies

**Vocational Experience**

- 2019-present Holder of the Trinity Endowed Chair in Lutheran Heritage, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
- 2018-present Professor of Church History at Capital University, with appointments at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and the Department of Religion and Philosophy
- 2000-2018 Holder of the Bergener Chair in Theology and Religion, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University
- 2011-2017 Professor of Religion, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio  
Professor of Church History, Trinity Lutheran Seminary  
(Trinity Lutheran Seminary united with Capital University in 2018)
- 2006-2011 Associate Professor of Religion, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio  
Associate Professor of Church History, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
- 2000-2006 Assistant Professor of Religion, Capital University, Columbus, Ohio  
Assistant Professor of Church History, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

1999-2000 Assistant Professor of Religion, Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

1990-1994 Assistant Pastor, St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church, Davenport, Iowa

### **Courses taught (selected)**

Seminary courses: Early and Medieval Church History; Reformation and Modern Church History; Readings in Luther; Being Lutheran in America; Women in Reformation History; Women in Medieval History; Introduction to Worship

Undergraduate courses: Early and Medieval Church History; Reformation and Enlightenment Church History; Reformation History and Culture; Martin Luther and the Lutheran Tradition; Women Mystics; Christian Worship; Ministry in Congregations; Religious Foundations and the Bible

### **Books**

*The Book of Jeremiah.* The Bible in Medieval Tradition, Volume 4. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2017. Translator and editor.

*The Book of Genesis.* The Bible in Medieval Tradition, Volume 3. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2015. Translator and editor.

*Deborah's Daughters: Gender Politics and Biblical Interpretation.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.

*Dinah's Lament: The Biblical Legacy of Sexual Violence in Christian Interpretation.* Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2007.

### **Books in Progress**

*Voices Long Silenced: Women Biblical Interpreters through the Centuries.* Manuscript completed and submitted to publisher, forthcoming spring 2022 from Westminster John Knox Press. Co-authored with Marion Ann Taylor.

*The Bible in the Lutheran Tradition.* Under contract with Oxford University Press, manuscript in progress.

### **Scholarly Articles and Book Chapters**

“Interpreting Job in the Later Middle Ages.” In *Handbooks of the Bible and Its Reception: Job*, ed. Choon-Leong Seow. Berlin: De Gruyter (forthcoming).

- “Maria Stewart, Scripture Interpretation, and the Daughters of Africa. In *The Bible and Women: An Encyclopedia of Exegesis and Cultural History*, vol. 8.1, ed. Angela Berlis and Christiana DeGroot. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).
- “The Assertiveness of Achsah: Gender and Intertextuality in the Reception History of Caleb’s Daughter.” In *Judges, Gender, and Intertextuality*, ed. Shelley Birdsong, J. Cornelis de Vos, and Paul Kim. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature (forthcoming).
- “Maria Stewarts Bibelauslegung im Kontext der afroamerikanischen Frauenbewegung.” In *Frauenbewegungen des 19. Jahrhunderts*, edited by Irmtraud Fischer, Angela Berlis, and Christiana de Groot, 228-48. Die Bibel und die Frauen Vol. 8.1. Stuttgart: Kohlhammer, 2021.
- “Retrieving the History of Women Biblical Interpreters.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Feminist Studies of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. Susanne Scholz, 461-78. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.
- “Deborah in Reception History.” In *The Oxford Handbook on the Historical Books of the Hebrew Bible*, ed. Brad E. Kelle and Brent A. Strawn, 452-65. New York: Oxford University Press, 2020.
- “Women and the Society of Biblical Literature: Commemorating 125 Years.” *Lectio difficilior: European Electronic Journal for Feminist Exegesis* (January 2020).  
[http://www.lectio.unibe.ch/20\\_1/Joy\\_Schroeder.html](http://www.lectio.unibe.ch/20_1/Joy_Schroeder.html).
- “Did Sixteenth-century Lutheran Women Have a Reformation?” *Currents in Theology and Mission* 46/2 (2019): 9-20. <http://currentsjournal.org/index.php/currents/article/view/171>.
- “Thirteenth-Century Visionaries Engaging Scripture via the Liturgy: Mechthild of Hackeborn, Gertrude of Helfta, and Angela of Foligno.” *Theologische Zeitschrift* 75/1 (2019): 8-25.
- “Medieval Christian Interpretation of the Book of Jeremiah.” In *The Book of Jeremiah: Composition, Reception, and Interpretation*, ed. Jack R. Lundbom, Craig A. Evans, Bradford A. Anderson, 414-34. Boston: Brill, 2018.
- “Sexual Violence: Early Church.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Bible and Gender Studies*, Vol. 2, ed. Julia M. O’Brien, 376-82. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Deborah’s Daughters.” In *Women in the Bible*, Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics, ed. Robert B. Kruschwitz, 40-48. Waco: Baylor University Press, 2013.
- “The Prenatal Theology of Catharina Regina von Greiffenberg.” *Lutheran Forum* 46/3 (2012): 50-56.
- “Female Companionship in Angela of Foligno's *Liber*: The Role of Angela’s *Socia* (‘Masazuola’).” In *Her Bright Merits: Essays Honoring Ingrid J. Peterson, OSF*, ed.

- Mary Meany and Felicity Dorsett, 127-142. St. Bonaventure, NY: Franciscan Institute Publications, 2012.
- “Lucrezia Tornabuoni (ca. 1427-82).” In *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide*, ed. Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi, 502-505. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.
- “Arcangela Tarabotti (1604-1652).” In *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide*, ed. Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi, 491-93. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.
- “Bathsua Makin (c. 1600 - after 1675).” In *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide*, ed. Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi, 342-44. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.
- “Rebecca Cox Jackson (1795-1871).” In *Handbook of Women Biblical Interpreters: A Historical and Biographical Guide*, ed. Marion Ann Taylor and Agnes Choi, 284-86. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2012.
- “Disrupting Sacred Time: Angela of Foligno’s Encounter with St. Bartholomew’s Demonic Imposter.” *Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures* 37 (2011): 147-166.
- “Sexual Abuse and a Theology of Embodiment: Incarnating Healing.” In *The Long Journey Home: Understanding and Ministering to the Sexually Abused*, ed. Andrew J. Schmutzer, 186-196. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2011.
- “Elizabeth Wilson, the Bible, and Legal Rights of Women in the Nineteenth Century.” *Postscripts: The Journal of Sacred Texts and Contemporary Worlds* 5 (2009): 219-232.
- “Envyng Jephthah’s Daughter: Judges 11 in the Thought of Arcangela Tarabotti (1604-1652).” In *Strangely Familiar: Protofeminist Interpretations of Patriarchal Texts*, ed. Nancy Calvert-Koyzis and Heather E. Weir, 75-91. Atlanta: Society of Biblical Literature, 2009.
- “Dismembering the Adulteress: Sixteenth-Century Commentary on the Narrative of the Levite’s Concubine (Judges 19-21).” *Seminary Ridge Review* 9/2 (2007): 5-24.
- “Wisdom’s Voice and Women’s Speech: Hrotswitha of Gandersheim, Hildegard of Bingen, and Rebecca Cox Jackson.” *Magistra: A Journal of Women’s Spirituality in History* 13 (2007): 41-70.
- “The Feast of the Purification in the Liturgical Mysticism of Angela of Foligno.” *Mystics Quarterly* 32 (2006): 35-67.
- “John Chrysostom’s Critique of Spousal Violence.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 12 (2004): 413-42.

- “A Fiery Heat: Images of the Holy Spirit in the Writings of Hildegard of Bingen.” *Mystics Quarterly* 30 (2004): 76-95.
- “Virgin and Martyr: Divine Protection from Sexual Assault in the *Peristephanon* of Prudentius.” In *Miracles in Jewish and Christian Antiquity: Imagining Truth*, ed. John Cavadini, 169-91. Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1999.
- “The Rape of Dinah: Luther’s Interpretation of a Biblical Narrative.” *The Sixteenth Century Journal* 28 (1997): 775-91.
- “Spiritual Friendship in the *Vita* of Beatrice of Nazareth.” *Magistra: A Journal of Women’s Spirituality in History* 3:2 (1997): 99-140.
- “Revelation 12: Female Figures and Figures of Evil.” *Word & World* 15 (1995): 175-81.
- “The Woman and the Dragon: Feminist Reflections on Sexual Violence, Evil, and Bodily Resurrection.” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 33 (1994): 135-41.
- “Marguerite of Navarre Breaks Silence about Sixteenth-Century Clergy Sexual Violence.” *Lutheran Quarterly* 7 (1993): 171-90.
- “Toward a Feminist Eucharistic Theology and Piety.” *Dialog: A Journal of Theology* 30 (1991): 221-26.

### **Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures**

- “Maria Stewart, Buried Talents, and the Daughters of Africa.” Society of Biblical Virtual Annual Meeting, November 2020.
- “Scholarly Daughters: Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-Century Women who Studied Biblical Languages.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2019.
- “The Assertiveness of Achsah: Gender and Intertextuality in the Reception History of Caleb’s Daughter.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Denver, November 2018.
- “The Art of Sleuthing: Reflections from the Translator and Editor of *The Book of Genesis* and *The Book of Jeremiah* (Bible in the Medieval Tradition) and Author of *Deborah’s Daughters*.” Institute for Biblical Research Annual Meeting, Denver, November 2018.
- “Imagination and Compassion in Franciscan Biblical Interpretation.” Given as the Clare Center Lecture, Siena College, Loudenville, New York, October 2018.
- “Angela of Foligno and the Cultivation of Visionary Imagination.” Fifty-third Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2018.

- “Martin Luther and the Reformation: The Life and Legacy of an Outspoken Professor, Preacher, and Church Reformer.” Given as the keynote lecture for “Reformations of the Sixteenth Century: Martin Luther and his World, 500 Years Later.” Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November 2017.
- “Engaging Scripture via the Liturgy: Thirteenth-Century Visionary Women.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2017.
- “Neither Safe nor Right to Go Against Conscience: Martin Luther and Argula von Grumbach on Freedom of Conscience.” Given as the keynote lecture at the Sauer Symposium. Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, October 2017.
- Keynote speaker for “From Conflict to Communion” symposium on Lutheran-Catholic dialogue. University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, October 2017.
- “Did Sixteenth-Century Lutheran Women Have a Reformation?” Given as the keynote lecture for “Reflecting on the Reformation: A Symposium on Martin Luther’s 500 Year Legacy.” Wagner College, Staten Island, New York, October 2017.
- Panelist for “Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Symposium.” St. Michael’s College, Colchester, Vermont, September 2017.
- Panelist, review of Marion Ann Taylor & Christiana DeGroot, *Women of War, Women of Woe: Joshua and Judges through the Eyes of Nineteenth-Century Female Interpreters*. Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Antonio, November 2016.
- “Pregnant with God’: Creation and the Natural World in Angela of Foligno’s Theology.” Fifty-first Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2016.
- “Retrieving the Voices of Female Biblical Interpreters in Early Christianity: Methodologies, Possibilities, and Limits.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2015.
- “The Friars and the Authority of Biblical Prophetesses.” Fiftieth Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2015.
- “Deborah the Warrior and Female Interpreters.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2013.
- “Who’s Afraid of a Lutheran College?” Keynote address at the Association of Lutheran College Faculties 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Capital University, October 2013.
- “Angela of Foligno and the Angels.” Forty-eighth Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2013.

- “Judging Deborah: Gender Politics and Biblical Interpretation.” Faculty Scholarship Award Lecture, Capital University, April 2013.
- “The Prophet Deborah and the Seventeenth-Century Literary Ladies.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 2011.
- “Sacred Space and Spiritual Authority: The Assisi Pilgrimages of Angela of Foligno.” Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, New York, July 2011.
- “When Harlots are Embarrassing and the Villainesses are Inconvenient: Seventeenth-Century Female Writings about the Bad Women of the Bible.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2010.
- “Mother Wisdom’s Daughter: Rebecca Cox Jackson as Biblical Interpreter.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 2010.
- “Deborah’s Daughters: Nineteenth-Century Women and the Prophetess.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2009.
- “Angels and Demons in the *Liber* of Angela of Foligno.” Forty-fourth Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2009.
- “Envyng Jephthah’s Daughter: Judges 11 in the Thought of Arcangela Tarabotti (1604-1652).” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2008.
- “Female Companionship in Angela of Foligno’s *Liber*: The Role of Angela’s *Socia* (‘Masazuola’).” Forty-third Annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2008.
- “Domesticating Deborah: Disputes about Women’s Religious Leadership in Early Christian Interpretations of Judges 4-5.” Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2007.
- “Dismembering the Adulteress: Sixteenth-Century Commentary on the Narrative of the Levite’s Concubine (Judges 19).” Given as the Rev. George F. and Janet E. Harkins Lecture, Luther Colloquy, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, October 2006.
- “The Feast of the Purification in the Liturgical Mysticism of Gertrude of Helfta and Angela of Foligno.” Fortieth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2005.
- “Mary Magdalene in Scripture, Myth, and History.” The Ohio State University’s Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, April 20, 2004.
- “A Fiery Heat: Hildegard of Bingen on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.” Thirty-eighth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2003.

- “She was Silent in Danger: Gender, Passivity, and Virtue in Retellings of the Susanna Narrative.” Thirty-seventh International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2002.
- “The Virgin Mary in the Lutheran Tradition: A Brief History,” and “The Virgin Mary in Contemporary Lutheran Thought and Practice.” Ecumenical conference on “Mary in Episcopal-Lutheran Relations,” Sheboygan, Wisconsin, October 2001.
- “Eucharistic Experience and Theology in the *Liber* of Angela of Foligno.” Thirty-sixth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2001.
- “John Chrysostom’s Critique of Spousal Violence.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Nashville, November 2000.
- “Artistic Images and Spiritual Experience in the *Liber* of Angela of Foligno.” Thirty-fifth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University, May 2000.
- “Women Visionaries and Liturgical Time: The Experience of Angela of Foligno.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Boston, November 1999.
- “Sacred Space and Spiritual Authority in the *Liber* of Angela of Foligno.” Thirty-fourth International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University, May 1999.
- “The Liturgical Year in the Experience of Medieval Women Visionaries: Margaret Ebner.” Thirty-third International Congress on Medieval Studies. Western Michigan University, May 1998.
- “Wisdom’s Voice: Hrotswitha of Gandersheim, Hildegard of Bingen, and Rebecca Cox Jackson.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 1997.
- “Blaming the Victim: The Rape of Dinah in Medieval Exegesis.” Fifth Annual Symposium in Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Studies. University of Miami, Florida, February 1996.

### **Denominational Publications**

- “Our Lord, Come! Waiting in the Midst of Uncertainty.” *Gather*, December 2020.
- “Becoming Flesh.” *Living Lutheran*, December 2017.
- “The Tax Collectors, the Dirts, and the Shorn Women: A Sermon for the Feast of St. Matthew.” *The Inclusive Pulpit Journal*. Vol. 22, Summer 2017.
- “The Early Church in Jerusalem.” *Gather*, July/August 2015.
- “Ultimate Price.” *Gather*, March 2015.



“The Red Cord.” *Gather*, May 2014.

“The Widows’ Tale.” *Gather*, November 2013.

“Conflict: Then and Now.” *Gather*, September 2012.

“Temple Trials.” *Gather*, March 2012.

“Back in Jesus’ Day.” *Gather*, September 2011.

“Corinth in the Time of Paul.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, November 2010.

“What Paul *Really* Thinks About Women.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, November 2009.

“When in Rome.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, October 2009.

“Katherine, Morning Star.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, December 2008.

“The Surprising Women in Jesus’ Family Tree.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, April 2008

“Traveling Back in Time: All Saints’ Day 1517.” *Lutheran Woman Today*, November 2007.

“The 95 Theses Today: No Place for Purgatory.” *The Lutheran*, November 2007.

### **Website Articles**

“What I Learned While Translating Medieval Latin Commentaries in Coffee Shops.” Bible and Interpretation website, October 2015.

<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2015/10/sch398014.shtml>

“African American Women Interpreting the Bible in the Nineteenth Century.” Bible and Interpretation website, August 2014.

<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/08/sch388026.shtml>

“Retrieving the Voices of Women.” Bible and Interpretation website, July 2014.

<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/07/sch388029.shtml>

“Judging Deborah: The Prophetess and Gender Debates Through the Centuries.” Bible and Interpretation website, April 2014.

<http://www.bibleinterp.com/articles/2014/04/sch388015.shtml>

### **Book Reviews**

Numerous book reviews and review articles in *Biblical Interpretation*; *Review of Biblical Literature*; *Religious Studies Review*; *Trinity Seminary Review*; *Intersections*; *Interpretation: A*

*Journal of Bible and Theology; dialog: A Journal of Theology; Canadian-American Theological Review; and The Merton Annual.*

### **Honors**

- 2019 Appointed to the Trinity Chair in Lutheran Heritage, Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Capital University
- 2000-18 Holder of the Bergener Chair in Theology and Religion, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Capital University
- 2012 Inaugural recipient of the Faculty Scholarship Award, Capital University.
- 2000 Dissertation received an award in the “Angela da Foligno e la mistica nei secoli XIII-XIV” international thesis competition sponsored by the city of Foligno, Italy.  
[http://santaangeladafoligno.com/la-bibliografia-angelana-dalla-seconda-meta-del-xix-secolo-ai-giorni-nostri/#\\_edn3](http://santaangeladafoligno.com/la-bibliografia-angelana-dalla-seconda-meta-del-xix-secolo-ai-giorni-nostri/#_edn3)
- 1998-99 Mellon Seminar in Medieval Studies, Cultural Interpretation and Contemporary Theory. Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame.
- 1998 Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Fellowship, University of Notre Dame.
- 1998 Devers Program in Dante Studies Travel Grant, University of Notre Dame.
- 1998 University of Notre Dame Gender Studies Outstanding Graduate Student Essay Award.
- 1985 Phi Beta Kappa, Luther College.

### **Membership in Scholarly Societies**

Sixteenth Century Society, 2000—present.

Society for the Study of Early Modern Women, 2002—present.

Society of Biblical Literature, 2007—present. Steering committee for the Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section, member, 2008-2014; chair, 2010-2014, 2019—present. De Gruyter Award Committee, member, 2019—present.

### **Service to Church and Community (selected)**

Speaker, preacher, and retreat leader at numerous churches, lay ministry programs, and clergy continuing education events in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and throughout the country.

Topics have included: “Martin Luther @500,” “Daring Women of the Reformation,” “The Lutheran Confessions,” “Katharina von Bora: Runaway Nun, Beer Brewer, Business Manager,” “Mary Magdalene in Scripture, Myth, and History.”

Member of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America–Roman Catholic national ecumenical task force charged with writing a joint statement, *Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist*, 2013–2016. <https://www.elca.org/Faith/Ecumenical-and-Inter-Religious-Relations/Bilateral/Declaration-on-the-Way>. The statement was adopted by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at its churchwide assembly in New Orleans, August 2016.

Member of the Lutheran-Reformed Standing Committee on Theology, representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2007—2010.

**Media Appearances (selected)**

“The Life of the Apostle Peter with Rick Steves.” Documentary. Vision Video, 2007. Currently available on Amazon Prime. <https://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B0156WULPU/>

Radio interview about book *Dinah’s Lament* for “Interfaith Voices,” nationally syndicated radio newsmagazine broadcast on 40 stations in North America, including satellite National Public Radio. April 2008.