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Curriculum vitae

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Other areas: Peace studies, Systematic and historical theology,
Augustine studies

Awards:

Kilian McDonnell Fellowship & Resident Scholar, Collegeville
Institute for Ecumenical & Cultural Research, Fall 2021

Honorable Mention, Catholic Press Association 2020 Book
Awards, Future Church category, for *A Pilgrim People*.

University Scholars Grant, University of St. Thomas, 2017-20

Louisville Institute Sabbatical Grant for Researchers, 2013-14:
“Toward a Catholic Peace Church”

Sabbatical leave, University of St. Thomas, 2013-14.

Collegeville Institute for Ecumenical & Cultural Research, Resident
Scholar, 2013-14

Service-Learning Faculty Award, University of St. Thomas, 2012

Research Grant, University of St. Thomas, 2011-12: “Toward a
Catholic Peace Church”

Honorable Mention, Catholic Press Association 2008 Book
Awards, Social Concerns category, for *Just Policing, Not
War*

Finalist, 2007 Midwest Book Awards, Political Science category,
for *Just Policing, Not War*

Top Ten Books of the Year 2007, Academy of Parish Clergy, for
Just Policing Not War

Bush Foundation Grant to incorporate inquiry-based learning in
course development for Just War and Christian Conscience,
with Col. Francis Sick, AFROTC, 2007

Evangelical Press Association, 2004 Higher Goals editorial award,
3rd place, for commentary in *Sojourners* magazine

Maxi-Grant, University of St. Thomas, 2004

Summer Research Grant, Bluffton College Study Center, 1999.

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 1994-95.

Education

Ph.D., Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 1996. Jean Porter, dissertation director.

M.A. in Theological Studies, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, 1990.

B.A. in History and Communication, Goshen (Indiana) College, 1979.

Books published

General editor.. *Bridgefolk: An Anthology of the Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium*. Kitchener, Ontario: Pandora Press, 2022.

A Pilgrim People: Becoming a Catholic Peace Church. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2019.

Co-editor, with Margaret Pfeil. *Sharing Peace: Mennonites and Catholics in Conversation*. Forward by Msgr John A. Radano. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2013.

Unlearning Protestantism: Sustaining Christian Community in an Unstable Age. Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2010.

Editor and lead author. *Just Policing, not War: An Alternative Response to World Violence*. With Drew Christiansen, S.J., Ivan Kauffman, John Paul Lederach, Reina C. Neufeldt, Margaret R. Pfeil, Glen H. Stassen, and Tobias Winright. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2007.

Co-editor, with Duane K. Friesen. *At Peace and Unafraid: Public Order, Security and the Wisdom of the Cross*. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2005.

General editor of abridged edition. *Called Together to be Peacemakers: Report of the International Dialogue Between the Catholic Church and Mennonite World Conference, 1998–2003*. Abridged edition with discussion questions. Eds Willard Roth and Gerald W. Schlabach. With an introduction by Helmut Harder. Discussion questions by Eric Massanari. Bridgefolk Series, no. 3. Kitchener, Ont.: Pandora Press, 2004.

Editor. *On Baptism: Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium, 2001-2002*. The Bridgefolk Series. Kitchener, Ont.: Pandora Press, 2004.

For the Joy Set Before Us: Augustine and Self-Denying Love (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 2001).

Translator. Roger Arnaldez, *Three Messengers for One God [Trois messagers pour un seul Dieu]* (Paris: Editions Albin Michel, 1983)]. With Mary Louise Gude and David Burrell. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 1995.

To Bless All Peoples: Serving With Abraham and Jesus. Peace and Justice Series 12. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1991.

Spanish translation: *Un pueblo para todos los pueblos: la comunidad abrahámica y el servicio cristiano*. Colección: Siervos en comunidad. Guatemala: Ediciones CLARA-SEMILLA, 1994.

Co-editor, with Phil McManus. *Relentless Persistence: Nonviolent Action in Latin America*. With an introduction by Leonardo Boff. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1991.

And Who is My Neighbor? Poverty, Privilege and the Gospel of Christ. Scottdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 1990.

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

“A Pilgrim People: No Peace Theology Without Peace Ecclesiology.” *Journal of Catholic Social Thought* 20, no. 2 (Summer 2023): 387–406.

“Gun Culture, Free Riding, and Nothing Short of Conversion.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 12, Special Issue, no. 2 (2023): 158–84. doi:10.55476/001c.89316.

“The Fierce Urgency of the Slow: How Pope Francis is Calling Us to Save the Planet.” *Journal of Social Encounters* 6, no. 2 (2022): 126–29.
https://digitalcommons.csbsju.edu/social_encounters/vol6/iss2/14.

“A ‘Manual’ for Escaping Our Vicious Cycles: The Political Relevance of Enemy-Love.” *Modern Theology* 36, no. 3 (July 2020): 478–500.

First presented at symposium on “Love Your Enemy: Its Political Significance.” Southern Methodist University. 4 December 2017.

“Christian Peace Theology: Internal Critique and Interfaith Dialogue.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 53, no. 4 (Fall 2018): 541-569.

First presented at Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Faith and Peace Day. Minneapolis, MN, 1 March 2014.

Also presented at annual Muslim-Christian dialogue with theologians of the Dokuz Eylul University, Turkey and the University of St. Thomas Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center, 1 November 2014.

“A ‘Manual’ for Escaping Our Vicious Cycles.” *Journal of Moral Theology* 7, no. 2 (June 2018): 86–91.

First presented at panel on “Just Peace.” Society of Christian Ethics. Portland, OR. 5 January 2018.

“Capitalizing Church: On Finding Catholicism Inevitable.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 34, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 284-302.

First presented at a conference entitled "Ex-Mennonite, Near Mennonite: Liturgical, Non-denominational, Secular," hosted by the Chair in Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg, 3-4 October 2014.

“‘Confessional’ Nonviolence and the Unity of the Church: Can Christians Square the Circle?” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 34, no. 1 (Spring-Summer 2014): 125-44.

First presented at the Society of Christian Ethics. Chicago, IL, 4 January 2013.

“Call No Movement New Until It is Old: ‘New Monasticism’ and the Practice of Stability.” *Pro Ecclesia* 21, no. 3 (Summer 2012): 247–57.

“Just Policing, Responsibility to Protect, and Anabaptist Two-Kingdom Theology.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 28, no. 3 (Fall 2010): 73–88.

“Just the Police Function, Then.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 26, no. 2 (Spring 2008): 50-60.

“Continuity and Sacrament, or not: Hauerwas, Yoder, and Their Deep Difference.” *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 27, no. 2 (Fall-Winter 2007): 171-207.

First presented at ” Society of Christian Ethics. Dallas, TX, 6 January 2007.

Earlier version presented as “Continuity and Sacrament, or Not: Why Hauerwas Really is not Yoder, But is Right About Mennonite Community Nonetheless.” Anabaptist Seminar. Eastern Mennonite University, 8 April 2006.

“Meeting in Exile: Historic Peace Churches and the Emerging Peace Church Catholic.” *Journal of Religion, Conflict, and Peace* 1, no. 1 (Fall 2007).

First presented as lecture, “What is a Peace Church?” Presentation Sisters’ Peace Studies Forum. Fargo, ND, 23 January 2004.

“Just Policing: How War Could Cease to be a Church-Dividing Issue.” *Journal of Ecumenical Studies* 41, no. 3-4 (Summer-Fall 2004): 409-30. [Actual publication date: 2007.]

“Is Milbank Niebuhrian Despite Himself?” *Conrad Grebel Review* 23, no. 2 (Spring 2005): 33–40.

First presented at Mennonite Scholars & Friends Forum on “Radical Orthodoxy and the Radical Reformation: What is Radical about Radical Orthodoxy? Conversations with John Milbank.” American Academy of Religion, Toronto, 23 November 2003.

”Stability amid Mobility: The Oblate’s Challenge and Witness.” *American Benedictine Review*, 52:1 (March 2001).

“In the Belly of a Paradox: Reflections on the Dubious Service of Reflecting on Service.” *The Journal of Peace and Justice Studies* 10:2 (2000).

Reprinted in the *Conrad Grebel Review* 19:3 (Fall 2001) 41-53.

First presented at conference on “Anabaptist/Mennonite Experiences in International Development,” Eastern Mennonite University, 1-4 October 1998.

“‘Love is the Hand of the Soul’: The Grammar of Continenence in Augustine’s Doctrine of Christian Love.” *Journal of Early Christian Studies* 6:1 (Spring 1998): 59-92.

First presented at North American Patristics Society. June 1, 1996.

Reprinted in *Christianity and Society the Social World of Early Christianity*, edited by Everett Ferguson. Recent Studies in Early Christianity, vol. 1, 151–84. New York: Garland Pub., 1999..

“Anthology in Lieu of System: John H. Yoder’s Ecumenical Conversations as Systematic Theology.” Review essay on *The Royal Priesthood: Essays Ecclesiological and Ecumenical* by John Howard Yoder and Michael G. Cartwright (ed.). *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 71:2 (April 1997): 305-309.

“Augustine’s Hermeneutic of Humility: An Alternative to Moral Imperialism and Moral Relativism.” *Journal of Religious Ethics* 22:2 (Fall 1994): 299-330.

“Beyond Two- versus One-Kingdom Theology: Abrahamic Community as a Mennonite Paradigm for Christian Engagement in Society.” *Conrad Grebel Review* 11 (Fall 1993): 187-210.

“Friendship as Adultery: Social Reality and Sexual Metaphor in Augustine’s Doctrine of Original Sin.” *Augustinian Studies* 23 (December 1992): 125-147.

First presented at Patristic, Medieval and Renaissance Conference, Villanova University, 20-22 September 1991.

“Nicaragua: A Case Study.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 68 (August 1984): 368-377.

First presented at Symposium on Central America, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section, Chicago, Illinois, October 1983.

Articles in other journals or anthologies

“Christianity and Nonviolence.” In *Nonviolence in the World’s Religions: A Concise Introduction*, eds Jeffery D. Long and Michael G. Long, 88–101. Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2021.

“A ‘Manual’ for Escaping Our Vicious Cycles: Practical Guidance from the Sermon on the Mount for a Just Peace Ethic.” In *A Just Peace Ethic Primer: Building Sustainable Peace and Breaking Cycles of Violence*. Eli S. McCarthy, ed. Washington DC: Georgetown University Press, 2020.

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“Catholic and Mennonite: A Journey of Healing.” *Sharing Peace: Mennonites and Catholics in Conversation*. Eds Gerald W. Schlabach and Margaret Pfeil. Forward by Msgr John A. Radano. Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 2013.

Also published in *One in Christ* 42, no. 2 (Winter 2008): 318-40.

First presented at Mennonite Catholic Theological Conference. Notre Dame, Indiana, 31 July 2007.

“Must Christian Pacifists Reject Police Force?” In *A Faith not Worth Fighting for: Addressing Commonly Asked Questions About Christian Nonviolence*, eds Tripp York and Justin Bronson Barringer, pp. 60–84. Eugene OR: Cascade Books, 2012.

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“Just Policing and the Christian Call to Nonviolence.” In *At Peace and Unafraid: Public Order, Security and the Wisdom of the Cross*, eds Duane K. Friesen and Gerald W. Schlabach, 405–22. Scottsdale, Pa.: Herald Press, 2005.

First presented at conference on “Seeking the Welfare of the City: Public Peace, Justice and Order” Mennonite Central Committee Peace Office. Akron, PA, 3 August 2004.

"Just Policing: How War Could Cease to be a Church-Dividing Issue." In *Just Policing: Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium 2002*, edited by Ivan J. Kauffman. Bridgefolk Series. 19-75. Kitchener, Ontario: Pandora Press, 2004. Also see "Response to Responses" on pp. 112-126.

First presented to the Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium, 2002.

“Between the Times, Between Communities: Eucharistic Theology for the Bridge.” *One in Christ*. 39.2 (April 2002) 3-16.

First presented at 2003 Ekklesia Project Gathering, panel on “The Eucharist and the Fractured Body.” 31 July 2003, DePaul University, Chicago. Also presented as background reading for participants at 2003 Bridgefolk Conference, July 2003.

“Breaking Bread: Peace and War.” Chapt. 27 in *The Blackwell Companion to Christian Ethics*, edited by Stanley Hauerwas and Sam Wells, 360–74. Oxford: Blackwell Publishers, 2004.

“The Christian Witness in the Earthly City: John H. Yoder as Augustinian Interlocutor.” Chapt. 11 in *A Mind Patient and Untamed: Assessing John Howard Yoder’s Contribution to Theology, Ethics, and Peacemaking*, eds Ben C. Ollenburger and Gayle Gerber Koontz, with an introduction by Stanley Hauerwas, 221–44. Telford, Pa.: Cascadia Publishing House, 2004.

Reprinted in *The New Yoder*, Peter Dula and Chris K. Huebner, 18–41. Eugene OR: Cascade Books, 2010.

First presented at conference on "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder." University of Notre Dame, 7-9 March 2002.

“Clarity, Obfuscation and What Mennonites Should Learn from Weigel Anyway.” *Mennonite Life*, 58:2 (June 2003).

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“The Correction of the Augustinians: A Case Study in the Critical Appropriation of a Suspect Tradition.” In *The Early Church and the Free Church: Bridging the Historical and Theological Divide*. Edited by Daniel H. Williams, 47-74. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans, 2002.

First presented at faculty colloquium, Bluffton College. 28 January 2000.

“The Vow of Stability: A Premodern Way Through a Hypermodern World.” In *Anabaptists & Postmodernity*, eds Susan Biesecker-Mast and Gerald Biesecker-Mast, with a foreword by J. Denny Weaver. The C. Henry Smith Series, vol. 1, 301-24. Telford Pa.: Pandora Books U.S., 2000.

Abridged version also published in *Mennonite Life* 53:3 (September 1998).

First presented at conference on “Anabaptists & Postmodernity,” Bluffton (Ohio) College, 6-8 August 1998.

“Deuteronomic or Constantinian: What is the Most Basic Problem for Christian Social Ethics?” In *The Wisdom of the Cross: Essays in Honor of John Howard Yoder*, eds Stanley Hauerwas, Chris K. Huebner, Harry Huebner, and Mark Thiessen Nation, 449-71. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1999.

“More Than One Task: North American Nonviolence and Latin American Liberation Struggle.” Epilogue in *Relentless Persistence: Nonviolent Action in Latin America*, eds Philip McManus and Gerald Schlabach, with a foreword by Leonardo Boff, 252-65. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1991.

“The Nonviolence of Desperation: Peasant Land Action in Honduras.” Chapt. 4 in *Relentless Persistence: Nonviolent Action in Latin America*, eds Philip McManus and Gerald Schlabach, with a foreword by Leonardo Boff, 63-78. Philadelphia: New Society Publishers, 1991.

“Revolutionary Nicaragua: Military Service, Conscientious Objection and Nation-building.” In *The Role of the Church in Society*. Ed. Urbane Peachey. Carol Stream, Illinois: International Mennonite Peace Committee, 1988) 51-70.

Other conference papers and public Presentations

Presentation for panel on “Becoming an Uprising: Active Nonviolence and Christian Peacemaking,” with David C. Cramer and Janna Hunter-Bowman. Center for World Catholicism and Intercultural Theology; Justice and Conflict Studies Program. DePaul University, Chicago, 2 November 2022. <https://vimeo.com/769025041>

“A Pilgrim People of Peace: Looking for a Map.” Doris H. Murphy Memorial Lecture. St. Bridget Catholic Church, River Falls, WI, 4 October 2021. <https://youtu.be/vx077sfSrpA>.

Panelist. Webinar on “Re-Imagining Security with a Just Peace Ethic Orientation.” Catholic Nonviolence Initiative. 28 July 2020.

Response to Elizabeth Newman, “Engaging Gerald Schlabach’s *A Pilgrim People*”. Joint session with National Association of Baptist Professors of Theology. College Theology Society, 29 May 2020.

“An Overview of Issues and Trends.” Theology and Peacebuilding Consultation. Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary. Elkhart IN, 10 March 2020.

Convener and opening presenter. Panel on “‘Just Peace’: Can We Move from Formula to Substance?” Building a Sustainable Peace Conference. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, 8 November 2019.

Panel presentation on Catholic Nonviolence Initiative roundtable no. 3: “A New Moral Framework for Catholic Theology in the Context of a Violent World: Just Peace Ethic”. Path of Nonviolence: Towards a Culture of Peace. Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Rome, 4 April 2019.

Keynote address, “A Pilgrim People: No Peace Theology without Peace Ecclesiology.” Ethics of War and Peace Conference, A project of Villanova University and the United States Military Academy West Point. Villanova University. 29-30 March 2019.

Roundtable response to Jennifer Alexander, “The Cutting Edge: Religious Critiques of Technological Society in the Post-War Years.” Series on “Science, Medicine and Society ... in Perspective.” College of Arts and Sciences, University of St. Thomas. 12 March 2019.

Panel presentation. “From Just War to Just Peace: The Shift of Catholic Social Teaching?” Conference on “Exiting Violence: The Role of Religion(s).” Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs, Georgetown University. 11 October 2018.

“A Pilgrim People Amid Tribes and Empire: Catholic Peace Theology in a Globalizing World” New Frontiers in Theological Research lecture. University of St. Thomas. 1 October 2018.

“Situating the Work on Just Peace.” Bridgefolk conference, “Toward a Just Peace: Eradicating the Evil of Racism.” Saint John’s Abbey, Minnesota. 26 July 2018.

“Is the Church Changing Its Mind about War?” Theology Club, University of St. Thomas. 3 May 2018.

“The ‘Protestant Principle’ as the End of Protestant Churches.” Saint Paul - Reformation Lutheran Church. 8 April 2018.

“We too are Guests: Coming to terms with Diaspora.” Sunday at the Abbey, Saint John’s Abbey, 18 March 2018.

“Should We Take Mission Trips Off The Bucket List?” Panel presentation for Hot Topics Cool Talk series. Terrence J. Murphy Institute for Catholic Thought, Law, and Public Policy, University of St. Thomas. 1 March 2018.

“Persons, Not Problems.” Adult Faith Formation series. Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis. 12 November 2017.

“How the Sermon on the Mount Can be the Church’s ‘Manual’ for Peacemaking.” Presentation for panel on “The Church and Nonviolence,” Conference on “The Catholic Church Moves Towards Nonviolence? Just Peace Just War In Dialogue.” University of San Diego, 7 October 2017. <https://www.sandiego.edu/cctc/documents/schlabach-manual-for-peacemaking.pdf>.

“Baptism and the Immigration Status of Christians.” Bridgefolk conference. Seattle. 28 July 2017.

“Redefining Revolution with Love and Tenderness in Mind.” Adult Faith Formation series. Basilica of St. Mary’s, Minneapolis. 19 and 26 February 2017.

“Is the Church Changing Its Mind about War?” Theology Night Live, University of St. Thomas. 25 October 2016.

“Is the Church Changing Its Mind about War? Report on ‘Nonviolence and Just Peace’ Conference Rome, April 11-13, 2016” Saint John’s Abbey, Collegeville MN. 11 October 2017.

“Intercessory Prayer: Catholic and Mennonite Perspectives.” Opening presentation for meeting of Mennonite Catholic Theological Colloquium on Intercessory Prayer. University of Notre Dame. 1 October 2016.

“What If We Win? Nonviolence and the Challenge of Governance.” Advance paper for Pax Christi International / Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace conference, “Nonviolence and Just Peace: Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence.” Rome, 11-13 April 2016.

“Evangelizing as a People of Peace: Paul’s Clue, John Paul’s Globalism, Francis’s Principles.” The Church in the Modern World: Teaching and Understanding *Gaudium et Spes* after 50 Years. University of St. Thomas. 13 March 2015.

Co-leader with Joetta H. Schlabach, Peace Weekend sponsored by St. Michael's Catholic Church and other area churches, Duluth, MN, 20-22 February 2015.

“Pope Francis on Peacemaking: One Globe, One People: Christianity’s Relevance in Global Issues.” Thinking Catholic Adult Education series, Catholic Community of St. Thomas Becket, Eagan MN, 20 November 2014.

“Peacebuilding Collaboration Across the Just War / Pacifist Divide.” People of Faith Peacemakers, Minneapolis, MN. 22 October 2014.

“The Classroom at the End of the World: When Glamour Beckons, Can Benedictine Values Compete?” March Feast of St. Benedict. Saint John’s University (MN), 20 March 2014.

El Milagro de la Conversación Menonita-Católica” [The Miracle of Mennonite-Catholic Conversation]. Moment for Peace, Quito (Ecuador) Mennonite Church, 22 January 2014.

Moderator, "Looking Forward: The Sattlers' Witness and the 21st Century Church - A Panel Discussion," Second Annual Michael Sattler Commemoration, Saint John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN, 26-27 May 2013.

Presenter, Notre Dame Roundtable on Law, Theology and the Human Person, University of Notre Dame Law School, 19 April 2013.

Panelist, "Vocation of Peacebuilding," Catholic Peacebuilding Network conference, "Peacebuilding 2013: Pacem in Terris at 50," Catholic University of America, Washington DC. 9 April 2013.

"The Roman Papacy and Global Christianity," presentation for "Habemus Papam / We Have a Pope" panel discussion on the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI and the conclave of 2013," University of St. Thomas. 27 February 2013.

Panel respondent, documentary on "The Anatomy of Hate," Globally Minded Student Association and the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club joint event, University of St. Thomas, 8 March 2012.

"Response to Dr. Muqtedar Khan." Muslims and America: Beyond Fear of the Other. University of St. Thomas, 6 April 2011.

"For and Against Dula Against Schlabach," ACRS Reading Group, Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA, 27 September 2010.

With Andy Alexis-Baker. "Wrestling with Faithfulness in Peacemaking: Just Policing." Panel and workshop. Peace Among the Peoples. Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, 30 June 2010.

Panelist. "For a Greener Lent." University of St. Thomas, 23 February 2010.

"Just Policing: Beyond the Pacifist / Just-War Impasse." People of Faith Peacemakers. Minneapolis, 13 January 2010.

"Just Policing: Beyond the Pacifist / Just-War Impasse." Peace with Justice Forum, ELCA Minneapolis and St. Paul Area Synods' Peace with Justice Committee. Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, 15 March 2009.

"What about International Law and Policing?" Break-out session. Every Church a Peace Church 2008 Twin Cities Fall Conference, 19-20 September, 2008. Also on the closing Plenary Panel for the conference.

"Just Policing and Ecumenical Dialogue: A Case Study in Multilingual Peacemaking." Spring Institute for Lived Theology: Lived Theology and the Language of Peace. University of Virginia, 28-30 May 2008.

Panelist. The RNC: Civil Disobedience, Community Policing and Moral Courage. University of St. Thomas, 23 October 2007.

"Benedictine Values and the Need for Bridging." Panel on "Four Major Concepts of Benedictine Community." Monastic Institute. Saint John's Abbey, 6 July 2006.

"Getting Started at Interchurch Dialogue: Proceeding Through Friendship." Workshops. Central Plains Mennonite Conference. St. Paul, MN, 2006.

"Crossing Ourselves in the Voting Booth." St. Bridget Catholic Church, River Falls WI, 27 September 2004.

"Restlessness of Heart: Augustine, Pilgrimage and Friendship." Men's Spirituality Series. Wisdom Ways Center for Spirituality, St. Paul, MN, 7 April 2004.

Response to David Smith, Cris Toffolo and John Langan S.J., panel on "Catholic Social Thought and the Social Sciences," with a focus on just war theory, international relations and U.S. security policy. Catholic Thought Across the Curriculum Conference, 24 October 2003, University of St. Thomas., St. Paul, Minn.

“Lived Theology and Power.” Panel presentation at The Conference on Lived Theology and Civil Courage. Project on Lived Theology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Va., 13 June 2003.

“Stability: Spiritual Discipline for a Mobile Society.” Presentation at Oblate Renew Day, St. Benedict’s Monastery, 17 August 2002.

“Globalization and ‘Catholicity-from-Below’.” Presentation at Bridgefolk gathering on “Creating Peacemaking Communities for the New Millennium: Catholics and Mennonites Bridging the Divide,” Saint John’s Abbey, 12 July 2002.

“Yoder, Tolkien, and What is Really the Plot.” Presentation to the Workgroup on Power of the Project on Lived Theology, University of Virginia, meeting in New York City, 19-21 April 2002.

Response to Alain Epp Weaver, “Constantinianism, Zionism, Diaspora: Towards a Political Theology of Exile and Return.” MCC Peace Committee meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 25-26 October 2001.

“Contenance, Consumption and Other Abuses: Or Why an Augustinian Ethic is Worth the Bother.” Annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics, 8 January 2000.

“Catholic-Mennonite Dialogue: Why Now?” Campus forum at the Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 15 April 1999. With Brian Daley S.J. of the University of Notre Dame.

“Faithfulness, Temptation and the Deuteronomic Juncture: Is Constantinianism the Most Basic Problem for Christian Social Ethics?” Marpeck Lecture, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, 5 March 1998.

“An *Abrahamic* Community of Respect,” meditation at Bluffton College Faculty/Staff Retreat, 28 August 1997.

“Guy F. Hershberger and Reinhold Niebuhr on Christian Love: Will the Real Augustinian Please Stand Up?” Conference on “Anabaptists in Conversation: Mennonite and Brethren Interactions with Twentieth-Century Theologies.” Young Center for the Study of Anabaptist and Pietist Groups, Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, 19-21 June 1997.

Report on dissertation research and findings. Faculty colloquium, Bluffton College. 11 October 1996.

“Assuming the Stranger: Vitoria’s Critique of the Conquest as a Case Study in Cultural Encounter.” Conference on The Process of Cultural Encounter 1492-1992, 18-20 September 1992. Sponsored by The Latin American Consortium (Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University; Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame).

Other publications

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Guest editor of the March 1989 issue of *Mission Focus* on Anabaptist theology from Central America. (Now an annual, *Mission Focus* was at this time a quarterly on missiology published by the Mennonite Board of Missions.)

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"Where Are Our Wounds?: A Call for Active Nonviolence in Central America." *Mission Focus* 12:2 (June 1984): 21-24.

Professional experience

Emeritus Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2020-.

Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2009-2020.

Core faculty, Department of Justice and Peace Studies, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2014-16.

Chair, Department of Justice and Peace Studies, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2012-13

Director, Justice and Peace Studies Program, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2007-12.

Associate Professor of Theology, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), 2000-2009

Consultant for Peace Theology Project. Mennonite Central Committee Peace Office. 2004.

Participant, Workgroup on Theology and Power, Project on Lived Theology, supported by the Lilly Endowment and housed in the Department of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, 2001-.

Associate Professor of History and Religion, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, 1998-2000.

Assistant professor of History and Religion, Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, 1996-98.

Committee Executive, Goshen (Indiana) College Presidential Search Committee, 1995-96.

Instructor, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., Fall 1995, Spring 1994.

Instructor, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, Summer session 1995, Spring 1994.

Instructor, Freshman Writing Program, University of Notre Dame, 1994-95.

Graduate Assistant to David Burrell, C.S.C., and Jean Porter, Department of Theology, University of Notre Dame, 1991-1993.

Special writing projects for Mennonite Central Committee, and editor of *MCC Newsletter on the Americas*, 1987-1989.

Regional Coordinator, Central America Peace Portfolio, Mennonite Central Committee, 1983-1987, with responsibilities for theological education, interpretive writing, editorial consultancy, and leadership training.

Co-professor of course on "Peace and Justice in the Mennonite Tradition," SEMILLA [Anabaptist-Mennonite seminary without walls in Central America], Antigua, Guatemala, September 1986.

Co-representative [program director] of Mennonite Central Committee in Nicaragua, 1983-1985, with responsibilities for overseeing relief and development projects, consultancy on conscientious objection to the military and alternative service, and leadership training.

Academic service activities

University Committee on Global Strategy, University of St. Thomas, 2017-20.

Organizer and moderator, "Just Peace / Nonviolence Workgroup." Chicago. 24 August 2017.

Catholic Peacebuilding Network USA steering committee, 2016-.

Strategic Planning Task Force on Global Connections, University of St. Thomas, 2015-16.

Advisory Board, Institute for Catholicism and Citizenship, University of St. Thomas, 2014-2020.

Advisory Board, Muslim-Christian Dialogue Center, University of St. Thomas, 2008-2020.

Liaison Committee, Department of Catholic Studies, University of St. Thomas, 2012-.

Faculty adviser, Catholic Relief Services Student Ambassadors, University of St. Thomas, 2014-15.

Curriculum Committee, Theology Department, University of St. Thomas, 2011-12, Spring 2016.

Theology Department Summer Workshop on "Teaching and the Teaching of Vatican II." University of St. Thomas. 31 May - 3 June 2011.

Ad hoc committee on clinical faculty, University of St. Thomas, 2010-11.

Havel Symposium on Civil Society Committee, University of St. Thomas, 2008-.

Faith and the Catholic Tradition Review Committee, University of St. Thomas, 2004-08.

Master of Arts in Theology Program Committee, School of Divinity, University of St. Thomas, 2003-07.

Departmental representative, Senate, College of Arts and Sciences, University of St. Thomas, 2002-03.

Speaker Committee, Theology Department, University of St. Thomas, 2002-04.

Resident Faculty of the School of Continuing Studies, University of St. Thomas, 2002-03.

Chair of Committee on Discipline, University of St. Thomas, 2002-2003.

Committee on Discipline, University of St. Thomas, 2001-2003.

Lead trainer, Assessment Training Workshop for Master of Arts in Organizational Management faculty, Bluffton College, 27 April, 2 & 5 May 2000.

Institutional Review Board, Bluffton College, 1999-2000.

Assessment Committee, Bluffton College, 1999-2000.

Master of Arts in Organizational Management Committee, Bluffton College, 1999-2000. Listening committee at conference on "Pluralism and Community: Conversations on the Calling and Character of Anabaptist-Mennonites for Beginning the 21st Century," Laurelville (Pa.) Mennonite Church Center, 24-26 March 1999.

Web Advisory Committee, Bluffton College, 1998-99.

Curriculum Evaluation and Development Sub-Committee, Bluffton College, 1998-1999.

Planning committee, conference on "Anabaptists & Postmodernity," Bluffton College, 6-8 August 1998.

Participant in *ad hoc* planning committee for General Education capstone course, *Christian Values in a Global Community*; instructor and final designer of pilot implementation, Spring 1998.

Delegate for Bluffton College to "Imagination and Reflections for Church-Related Higher Education Models Meaningful for Mennonites," conference sponsored by Goshen College and the Lilly Endowment, 17-18 April 1998, Goshen, Indiana.

Academic Affairs Committee, Bluffton College, 1997-1998.

Chair, Curriculum Evaluation and Development Sub-Committee, Bluffton College, 1997-1998.

Other service activities

Invited participant, the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and Pax Christi International workshop, "Path of Nonviolence towards a Culture of Peace," Rome, 4-5 April 2019.

Commentator for *Bearings Online*, Collegetown Institute for Ecumenical and Cultural Research. 2017-

Catholic Nonviolence Initiative USA steering committee. 2016-.

Invited participant, Pax Christi International / Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace conference, "Nonviolence and Just Peace: Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence," Rome, 11-13 April 2016.

Board of Directors, The Gilead Project, 2015-.

Planning group for "Uncommon Conversation: Toward Reconciliation" on sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. University of St. Thomas, 17 November 2012.

Executive Director, Bridgefolk movement for Catholic-Mennonite dialogue and grassroots unity, 2001-2007, 2009-12.

General editor, Bridgefolk Series, Pandora Press, 2004-.

Invited participant, Forum on Catholic Traditions on Peace and War, Woodstock Theological Center at Georgetown University, sponsored with the US Jesuit Conference, 6 November 2003.

Co-chair, steering committee of Bridgefolk movement for Catholic-Mennonite dialogue and grassroots unity, 2001-2004.

Lead organizer, Bridgefolk gathering on "Spiritual Practices for Violent Times: Catholics and Mennonites Bridging the Divide," Saint John's Abbey, 17-20 July 2003.

Lead organizer, Bridgefolk gathering on "Creating Peacemaking Communities for the New Millennium: Catholics and Mennonites Bridging the Divide," Saint John's Abbey, 12-14 July 2002.

Member-at-large, Mennonite Central Committee Peace Committee, 2001-2007.

Moderator and co-convener, Mennonite-Catholic Theological Colloquium, 2000-.

Mission and Service Committee, Faith Mennonite Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2000-

Convener, and member of planning and leadership group, for "Bridging Retreat" of Mennonites and Roman Catholics working to bridge their traditions, Laurelville (Pa.) Mennonite Church Center, 20-22 August 1999.

Christian Education Committee, Indiana-Michigan Conference of the Mennonite Church, 1990-1996.

Chair, Special Committee for Long-Term Planning, Kern Road Mennonite Church, South Bend, Ind., 1991-1993.

Steering Committee of Fellowship of Reconciliation Task Force on Latin America and the Caribbean, 1987-89.

Charter member of Servicio Paz y Justicia - Nicaragua (SERPAJ-Nic.), 1984-1985.

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American Benedictine Academy
Catholic Peacebuilding Network
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