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Education

2008 Master of Divinity; Northeastern Seminary 2002-2004 Certification in Formative Spirituality/Spiritual Direction; Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality, Pittsburgh, PA PhD in Linguistics with specialization in phonology and 1990 - 1997phonetics; Department of Linguistics, Cornell University 1988 - 1990MA in Linguistics with Concentration in Language, Culture and Communication; Department of Modern Languages and Literature, Syracuse University 1982 - 1985 BA in English with Concentration in Secondary Education; Roberts Wesleyan College

Publications and Presentations

October 6, 2021	"Method" in Intentional Spiritual Formation Series, Kickstart Chapel, Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)
September 19, 2021	"Pregnant Pauses," Sermon at Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
September 14, 2021	"How Diversity Enriches Community" Presentation for Bethany Presbyterian Women's Group (Greece, NY)
August 25, 2021	Faculty and Staff Chapel Co-leader (with President of the College) for Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY)

September 27, 2020	"Is the Lord among Us?" Sermon Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
June 27, 2021	"Love as Vision for the Long View," Sermon at Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
April 16, 2019	"People of the Empty Tomb," Easter Vigil homily Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
March 24, 2019	"Two Facets of Repentance," Sermon, Penfield Wesleyan Church (Penfield, NY)
February 19, 2019	"Tell the Truth, for Love's Sake," Homily at Staff Chapel, Roberts, Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)
February 12, 2019	"Love and Temptation," Presentation for Bethany Presbyterian Women, (Greece, NY)
February 10, 2019	"A Holy Calling," Homily at Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
February 7, 2019	"Compassion Fatigue," Guest Lecture in Graduate Nursing Leadership class, Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)
November 27, 2018	"What it Means to Wait," Homily presented for Rochester Psychiatric Patient Chapel at Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
October 26, 2018	"Technology and Spirituality," Presentation for "Socratic Dinner" (local college students) at Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
March 28, 2018	"Written Prayer," Guest Lecture in undergraduate class in Worship Leadership, Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)
Spring 2018	"Spiritual Dynamics of Human Loss" in 40 th Anniversary Publication in Honor of Adrian van Kaam (Epiphany Association)
October 28, 2017	"Rhythms of Rest and Engagement," Retreat Facilitator for Amber Congregational Church (Marcellus, NY)

September 30, 2017	"Does Your Spiritual Life Need a Makeover?" Webster Presbyterian Women's Retreat Facilitator (Penfield, NY)
September 28, 2017	"Spirituality and the Body: Do Our Bodies Really Matter to Our Christian Discipleship?" Presentation at the Spiritual Renewal Center (Syracuse, NY)
September 17, 24 & October 1, 2017	Sabbath as a Model for Biblical Rest, 3-part Adult Faith Formation Series, Community of the Savior (Rochester, NY)
September 12-13, 2017	Retreat Leader, "Rhythms of Biblical Rest" United Methodist Pastor's Leadership Summit, Casawasco Camp and Retreat Center (Moravia, NY)
April 2017	Understanding Our Story: The Life's Work and Legacy of Adrian van Kaam (book co-authored with Dr. Susan A. Muto), Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock 2016
October 11, 2016	"Sabbath: Biblical Invitation to Rest" for New York Association of Protestant Chaplains Conference, Notre Dame Retreat House (Canandaigua, NY)
September 28, 2016	"Compassion Fatigue: Contributing Factors, Symptoms and Responses" and "Biblical Patterns of Rest Amidst Ministry"; two conference talks for National Association of Chaplains for Youth at Risk, Renewal Center (Stella Niagara, NY)
September 18, 2016	"God's Word Alive," Adult Formation Yearly Kick-off, United Church (Canandaigua, NY)
April 14, 2016	"Am I Living a Spiritual Life?" invited Public Lecture for Gates Presbyterian Church (Gates, NY)
December 3, 2015	"Parenting Without God," invited guest on "Connections with Evan Dawson" Public Radio Show (Rochester, NY)
October 1, 2015	"Exploring Together the Fullness of Biblical Rest," Bethany Presbyterian Church Retreat Day leader (Greece, NY)
September 20, 2105	"Contemplative Prayer," Adult Education Class leader for Community of the Savior, Mt. Hope (Rochester, NY)

September 14, 2015	"Alive in Our Talk with God," Roberts Wesleyan College Chapel leader (Rochester, NY)
April 18, 2015	"Exploring Prayer," half-day workshop/retreat leader at Browncroft Community Church (Penfield, NY)
April 2015	"Christian Spiritual Practices," invited speaker for Adult Education Series (April 15, 22, 29), Pearce Memorial Church (Rochester, NY)
March 21, 2015	"Simpler Living" workshop leader at "Eve Conference," Northgate Free Methodist Church Women's Conference (Batavia, NY)
March 9, 2015	"Thy Kingdom Come," Roberts Wesleyan College Chapel leader (Rochester, NY)
February 12, 2015	"A Day of Lenten Retreat," retreat leader for Genesee Valley Presbytery Members, Mercy Spirituality Center (Rochester, NY)
February 10, 2015	"Women in Genesis: God Understands Our Stories," invited presentation for Bethany Presbyterian Church (Greece, NY)
October 18, 2014	"Discerning the Presence of God in Everyday Life," Retreat Day facilitator for Bethany Presbyterian Church (Greece, NY)
October 9, 2014	"The Role of Doubt in Nurturing Christian Faith," invited talk for Roberts Wesleyan College First-year Seminar Class (Rochester, NY)
October 3, 2014	"Compassion Fatigue: Causes, Diagnoses, and Responses for Individuals and Institutions," invited presentation for the Genesee Valley Oncology Nursing Society (Fairport, NY)
September 8, 2014	"Liturgy of Commitment," Roberts Wesleyan College Chapel leader (Rochester, NY)
August 21, 2014	"Theological Diversity," Faculty Retreat Day Workshop for Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), co- facilitated with Dr. Jeffrey MacPherson

May 14, 2014	"Nurturing Our 'Yes' to the Holy Spirit, invited presentation to Canandaigua United Church (Canandaigua, NY)
April 11, 2014	"Hagar and Sarah: Issues of Forgiveness," narrative presentation for Northeastern Seminary 2014 Women's Retreat, Abbey of the Genesee (Piffard, NY)
September 16, 2014	"Vitality in Prayer," Roberts Wesleyan College Chapel (Rochester, NY)
October 19, 2013	"Spirituality of the Body: What Early Church Got Right," Paper presented at the Conference on New Creation: Scripture, Theology, and Praxis (a conference of the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association at Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY)
August 25, 2013	"Spirituality in the Classroom," co-presenter with Dr. Nelson Grimm, presentation for Roberts Wesleyan College and Northeastern Seminary Faculty Retreat Day (Rochester, NY)
February 14, 2013 (& February 16, 2012)	"Preventing Compassion Fatigue," invited talk in Masters in Nursing Leadership class, Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY)
July 12, 2011	"Spiritual Direction and Parish Nursing," invited talk with Free Methodist Church Board of Parish Nursing (Rochester, NY)
May 13, 2011	Roberts Wesleyan College Nursing Department (faculty and staff) retreat leader, Stella Maris Retreat Center (Skaneateles, NY)
May 6, 2011	"Faith and Works: How our Works both Reflect and Shape our Faith," invited talk, The United Church (Canandaigua, NY)
March 8, 2011	"Prayer and Spiritual Formation," invited talk for Greater Syracuse Evangelical Association (East Syracuse, NY)
January 23, 2011	"When Jesus Moves into the Neighborhood," homily at Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church (Honeoye Falls, NY)

May 2, 2010	"What Does it Mean to 'Be Spiritual'?" invited presentation for adult Sunday School, Webster Presbyterian Church (Webster, NY)
April 6, 2010	"Abiding in Awe-Filled Attention," opening devotional for NES Advisory Board (Rochester, NY)
February 2, 2010	"Making Room for One Thing Less," invited homily for Roberts Wesleyan College Lenten Chapel (Rochester, NY)
October 29, 2009	"Sabbath Practice as Gospel Proclamation," invited talk, Roberts Wesleyan College Freshman Seminar (Rochester, NY)
October 24, 2009	"Awaken My Heart," Facilitated Women's Retreat Day for Mendon Church (Mendon, NY)
August 26, 2009	"Recovering Sabbath," Roberts Wesleyan College Faculty Retreat presentation (Rochester, NY)
June 17, 2009	"Tell Me a Story: Formative Events in Narratives of Lifelong Conversion," invited workshop for Northeastern Seminary Conference on Ministry Series (Rochester, NY)
May 7, 2009	"Mary's Story," invited presentation at Northeastern Seminary's Women's Retreat, Abbey of the Genesee (Piffard, NY)
April 12, 2008	"Sitting at the Feet of Jesus," invited presentation at Wesleyan Women Clergy's Come to the Water Conference (Nashville, TN)
December 2007	"Language, Spiritual Formation and Theology: Contexts of <i>Worship</i> in the Ancient and Contemporary Church," thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of Master of Divinity Degree, Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY)
2007	"Dispositions of the Heart in <i>The Four Hundred Chapters on Love</i> ," article in <i>Epiphany International: The Journal of Formation Science, Anthropology, and Theology</i> , pp. 78-92 (Pittsburgh, PA)
February 26, 2006	"Hospitality in the Home, Neighborhood and Workplace," invited presentation at Bethel Christian Fellowship (Rochester, NY)

October 2005 "The Art and Practice of Holy Listening," invited talk at

> Elim Fellowship International Ministries Department on the value of spiritual direction as a means of member care for

people serving long-term as foreign missionaries

Current Professional Activities

2010-2018 Mercy Spirituality Center (Rochester, NY) Advisory Board

> Member (this is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy NYPPAW (New York, Pennsylvania, and Pacific West)

2009-present Barnabas Society/Circle Member, Northeastern Seminary

(Rochester, NY)

2008-2021 Supporting clergy member at Community of the Savior,

Mt. Hope (Rochester, NY)

2004 Ordained Elder in the Free Methodist Church (ordination

transfer in 2018 from 2004 local church ordination at

Covenant Church of Pittsburgh)

2002-present Member of the Epiphany Association (Pittsburgh, PA)

Work Experience

2008-Present Professor of Spiritual Formation, Northeastern Seminary

> (Rochester, NY); Responsibilities include: advising doctoral dissertations; teaching early church history and theology; teaching classes in Spiritual Formation at the Master's and Doctoral levels; overseeing and coordinating all aspects of spiritual formation across the Northeastern Seminary Curriculum; facilitating seminary-wide chapels, retreats, small-groups; training small-group facilitators; serving as founding director of Spiritual Direction program

at the seminary

2009-2021 Supporting Clergy at Community of the Savior, Mt. Hope

> (Rochester, NY); Responsibilities include: regular preaching, regular service as a communion celebrant, worship planning and leadership, service on the

discipleship and spiritual formation committee, staff-parish relations committee, and leadership team (church "board")

2004-Present	Adjunct Faculty Member, Epiphany Academy of Formative Spirituality (Pittsburgh, PA)
April 2005 – June 2006	Faith-sharing Group Facilitator, Northeastern Seminary (Rochester, NY)
2005-2006	Adjunct Faculty Member, Roberts Wesleyan College (Rochester, NY), in Linguistics and Communication
2004 -2005	Linguistics Consultant for Controlled English project at Avaya (formerly Lucent Technologies)
2003-2004	Full-time staff member of Covenant Church of Pittsburgh
1998-2002	Linguistics Consultant for Controlled English project at Avaya (formerly Lucent Technologies)
1996-1998	Lexicographer and linguistics consultant for Diebold, Incorporated
1992-1994	Teaching Assistant, Cornell University
1989-1990	Teaching Assistant, Syracuse University
1989-1990	Summer Session Faculty Member, Syracuse University, for Intensive English for Japanese teachers of English
1986-1988	Secondary English Teacher, Fulton City School District, Fulton, New York

References available upon request