

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Th.D. 2000, Boston University, School of Theology, Boston, MA

Areas of study: Church History and Social Ethics

Dissertation: "Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross: Cause or Cure for Domestic Violence?" Advisor, Dr. Carter Lindberg

S.T.M. (Master of Sacred Theology), 1995, Boston University, School of Theology

Areas of study: Church History and New Testament

MSW 1986, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

Studies in administration, social policy, and clinical counseling

M.A. in Religious Studies, 1983, Providence College, Providence, RI

Passed comprehensive exams "with distinction."

B.A. in Psychology and Elementary Education, 1977, State University of New York in Geneseo, Geneseo, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Dean and Professor of Theology and Social Ethics, Northeastern Seminary, July 1, 2022-June 30, 2024

Professor of Theology and Social Ethics, Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY 2003-present

Sample Courses: DMin Program- "Critical Issues in Contemporary Society,"

MA/MDiv: "The Life and Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," "Jesus and the Poor: Biblical Perspectives on Economic Justice," "Gender Reconciliation," "The Life and Theology of Martin Luther," "Foundations in Social Ethics," "The Modern and Postmodern Era," "Foundations in Social Ethics."

Adjunct Professor, Department of Religion and Humanities, Roberts Wesleyan College 2003-2015

Courses: "Women in Church History," "Violence Against Women."

Associate Professor of Social Work, Roberts Wesleyan College, 2002-2003.

Instructor, Quinebaug Community College, Connecticut 2001-2002.

Teaching Assistant, Boston University, School of Theology, 1997-1999.

Guest Lecturer, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA., 1999-2000.

Instructor, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Center for Urban Ministerial Education) Boston, MA, Fall 1997.

Founder, Grace for Justice Ministries, Hopkinton, MA, 1999-2002

Interdenominational human rights organization. Its mission is to train churches to respond to global issues relating to violence against women.

Instructor, Center for Women and Enterprise, Inc., Providence, RI, 2000-2001

Co-facilitated "Foundations for Success," a course focusing on empowering women to secure financial independence.

Director of Women's Services, New Hope, Inc. Attleboro, MA, 2001-2002

Supervised 40 staff providing clinical, legal, residential (two shelters) and support services to battered women and sexual assault clients and managed a \$1.3 million budget.

Director, RESPECT Program, New Hope, Inc., 1991-2001

Primary responsibilities included the implementation of a community-based batterer intervention program. Provided training to social service professionals and churches on issues related to domestic violence.

Director, Battered Women's Program, New Hope, Inc., 1987-2001

Supervised 15 staff and 35 volunteers providing clinical, legal, residential and support services to battered women and their children.

Instructor and Counselor, Common Purpose, Inc., Boston, MA, 1992-1999

Massachusetts Department of Public Health certified three-day training course instructor on domestic violence issues to counselors and other professionals. Facilitated weekly batterer groups. Director of Quincy Group Program.

Community Advocate, Smith Hill Center, Providence, RI, 1984-1986

Provided counseling and education services to low-income families. Developed and implemented drug prevention curriculum for area schools.

AWARDS/GRANTS

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Scholarship: Courses, *Moral Dilemmas and Moral Choice in the Holocaust: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Pius XII as Case Studies in Religious Leadership*, June 23-27, 2015;
Christianity and the Holocaust: History, Analysis, and Implications, June 15-19, 2009

Cultural Life Series Summer Grant- Roberts Wesleyan College, 2004

Boston University School of Theology:

Mary Lou Evans Scholarship, 1995-1996

Hester Anne Beebe Fellowship and Edmund M. Beebe Fellowship, 1996-1997

Scholarship for Merit, 1996-1997

RECENT PRESENTATIONS (Sample) AND PUBLICATIONS

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer in London: At the Crossroads of Church and State,” Keynote Speaker, McMaster Divinity School Conference, March 25, 2026.

“Church and State: Exploring Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Theology and Ethics,” Presentations, Community of the Savior, February 1 and 8, 2026.

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer in London: At the Crossroads of Church and State,” Faculty Speaker, Roberts Wesleyan University Homecoming, September 23, 2025.

“London: Dietrich Bonhoeffer at the Crossroads of Church and State,” Northeastern Seminary Colloquium, October 31, 2024.

“Coming Home: Transitioning from Incarceration,” Plenary Speaker, New York Chaplains Association Conference, Syracuse, NY, October 10, 2024.

“Creating a Culture of Gender Justice in our Churches,” Plenary Speaker, Justice Summit of the Free Methodist Church, Rochester, NY, September 19, 2024.

“Trauma: Fragmentation and Integration,” Plenary Speaker, New York Chaplains Association Conference, Albany, NY, October 3, 2023.

“Shattering the Silence: Gender Violence,” Conference speaker, Missio Alliance, Evanston Illinois, April 27, 2023.

“What is Christian Social Ethics?” Lecture, Webster Presbyterian Church, Webster, NY, September 12, 2021

“Strategies for Police and Community Relations,” presented to Mayor and Police Chief, Rochester, NY, 2020.

“Bonhoeffer in the City: Exploring Spirituality and Social Justice,” Conference at South Wedge Mission, Rochester, New York, December 2, 2017.

“Christ is Our Point of Departure: Creating Justice for Survivors of Gender Violence,” The Eve Conference, Northgate Free Methodist Church, March 25, 2017.

“Sex and the Soul: God’s Call to End Violence against Women and Girls,” Belmont University Spiritual Emphasis Week, February 14-16, 2017.

“Honor, Systems of Masculinity, and Violence against Women: Responses and Solutions,” Gender Institute Conference, Buffalo University, October 28, 2016.

“The Mission to End Global Violence against Women and Girls,” Evangelical Women’s Book Presentation, Boston, May 11, 2016

“The Church and Violence against Women and Girls,” Mission Conference, Park Presbyterian Church, Newark, NY, October 2, 2015

Three book (*The Cross and Gendercide*) related blogs: Her*menautics, Christian Coalition, Joshua Torrey (named book of the year for readers). 2014-2015.

Radio Interviews: fifteen radio interviews across United States relating to published book, *The Cross and Gendercide*, National Webinar for Patheos, 2014-2015.

“Advent Meditations,” Presentations during Advent, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, December, 2015.

“Celebrating our Journeys with God,” Presentation, Retreat, Abbey of the Genesee, May 8-9, 2015.

“The Cross and Gendercide,” Presentation, Conference, Canadian Evangelical Theological Association, Toronto, Canada, October 18, 2014.

“The Church’s Response to Gendercide,” Rochester Colgate Divinity School Conference, October 9, 2014.

“The Significance of Luther’s Theology for the Church Today,” ten week course, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fairport, NY, Fall, 2013.

“The Role of Faith in Politics”, Public Forum sponsored by Uniting Faith Communities, August 29, 2012.

“A Church Response to Global Violence against Women”, Pearce Mission Conference, November 9, 2012.

“Ending the Violence, Shattering the Silence Conference,” Northeastern Seminary, November 13, 2012.

“Longing Forward: Peacemaking in a Violent World,” CUE Conference, April 25, 2012.

“Martin Luther’s Theology for the World Today,” five week course, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, November-December, 2011.

“Echoing the Call of Christ: A Church Response to Global Violence against Women and Girls,” Christians for Biblical Equality, Rochester, NY Chapter, November 17, 2011.

“Spirituality and Social Justice,” Doctor of Ministry Guest Lecture, January 12, 2011.

“The Prophetic Call of the Church in the 21st Century,” Elim Pastor’s Conference, Keynote Speaker, May 27, 2010.

“Being Formed by God,” Northeastern Seminary Women’s Retreat, Abbey of the Genesee, NY, April 2010.

“Restoring Hope and Wholeness: Working to End Violence against Women,” opening address, 5th Annual Women’s Conference, November, 14, 2009.

“Lifting the Veil of Secrecy: Domestic Violence in the Church,” Keynote Address, Northeastern Seminary Women’s Conference, November 7, 2008.

“A Theology of the Cross for the Church,” Northeastern Seminary Conference on Ministry, June 4, 2008.

“A Prophetic Call to Justice,” Webster Presbyterian Church, November 18, 2007.

“Violence Against Women,” Pastor’s Conference, Elim Bible Institute, Lima, NY, September 15, 2007.

“Global Violence against Women: God’s Call for Justice and Reconciliation.” Address at Messiah College, PA, two day residency, October 2-3, 2006.

- “Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread.” Keynote Address, Northeastern Seminary Women’s Conference, Rochester, NY, November 19, 2006.
- “Centering Prayer. Annual Catholic Women’s Conference,” Rochester, NY, October 14, 2006.
- “God’s Message and Mission of Peace,” Sermon, Ecumenical Service organized by Orleans County Domestic Violence Task Force, October 18, 2006.
- “Where Are You?” Chapel address, Roberts Wesleyan College, November 18, 2006.
- “Christian Discipleship: Peacemaking in a Violent World,” Keynote Address at Clarion University, Clarion, PA, Interfaith Dialogue on Faith and Peacemaking, March 28, 2006.
- “Faith-Based or Secular: Components of Effective Batterer Intervention Programs.” A Response Paper, Second Annual Peace and Safety in the Home Conference, Gordon-Conwell Seminary, April 21, 2006.
- “Shaking the Heavens: *Deus Absconditus* in the Theology of Martin Luther.” Paper, Sixteenth Studies Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, October 20, 2005.
- “Listening to the Voice of God: Jesus and Women in the Gospels.” Keynote Address, Northeastern Seminary Women’s Conference, Rochester, New York, October 19, 2005.
- “Behind Closed Doors: A Theological and Therapeutic Response to the Issue of Violence Against Women.” Paper, Northeastern Seminary Conference, May 24, 2005.
- “Prayer, Confession, and Social Justice.” Lecture, Borromeo Prayer Center, Rochester, New York, March 1, 2005.
- “Theology First: Building A Foundation for the Work of Ending Violence Against Women.” Paper, International Conference on Peace and Safety, Newport Beach, California, February 25, 2005.
- “International Dimensions of Violence: A Theological Response,” Lecture, Cultural Life Series, Roberts Wesleyan College, October 21, 2004.
- “Christmas Presence: The Meaning of the Incarnate Christ in Luther’s Advent Sermons.” Paper, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, November 1, 2003.
- “Martin Luther’s Instruction on Prayer as Pastoral Care.” Paper, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 25, 2002.

“Baptism: The Key to Martin Luther’s Theology.” Paper, Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Denver, CO, October 26, 2001.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Longing Forward: Peacemaking and Violence toward Women and Girls.” In *The Gospel of Peace in a Violent World: Christian Nonviolence for Communal Flourishing*, eds. Graves, Marlena and Sean Graves. Downes Grove, Ill: August 2022.

“See How They Love One Another: A Short History of Medieval and Reformation Poor Relief and Its Significance for the Church Today.” In *Orthodoxy and Orthopraxis: Essays in Tribute to Paul Livermore*, eds., Cullum, Douglas and J. Richard Middleton. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2020.

Book: The Cross and Gendercide: A Theological Response to Global Violence against Women and Girls. InterVarsity Press, 2014.

“Theological Reflections on the Prophetic Call.” In *Beyond Abuse in the Christian Home: Raising Voices for Change*, eds., Catherine Clark Kroeger, Nancy Nason-Clark and Barbara Fisher-Townsend. Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock, 2008.

BOOK REVIEWS:

Solidarity Ethics: Transformation in a Globalized World by Rebecca Todd Peters. *Theology Today* 73.1 (April, 2016).

The Nonviolent God by J. Denny Weaver, *Theology Today* (April, 2015).

Matrology: A Bibliography of Writing by Christian Women From The First To The Fifteenth Centuries, by Andrew Kadel. *Lutheran Quarterly* Vol. VIII (Autumn 1999) 364-366.

The Suffering of God According to Martin Luther’s Theologia Crucis, by Dennis Ngien. *Lutheran Quarterly* Vol. XII (Summer 1998) 246-248.