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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago, 2001

Ph.D., *with Distinction*, Theology

Dissertation: "The Self-Giving God: Trinitarian Historicality and *Kenosis* in the Theology of Johannes Christian Konrad von Hofmann (1810-1877)"

Dissertation Committee: David Tracy (advisor); Hans Dieter Betz, Kathryn Tanner, Martin Marty (ex officio), Brian Gerrish (ex officio)

Comprehensive Exams: History of Theology (to the Medieval Period); History of Theology (Reformation to the Modern Period); History of Christianity in Modern Europe; Special Theologians (Luther and Schleiermacher); Theological Hermeneutics

The University of Chicago, 1990

M. A. in Religious Studies

Thesis: "The Relation of Critical Rationality to Myth in the Thought of Eliade, Gadamer, and Ricoeur"

Committee: Lawrence E. Sullivan (now at the University of Notre Dame)

The Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, 1989-90, 1992-93

Special Graduate Student in Theology

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1988

M. Div.

Eden Seminary, St. Louis, 1986

Special Student in Theology

Concordia University, Portland, 1984

B. A., *cum laude*, Liberal Arts

TEACHING POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Theology, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2006—present (tenured in 2008)

Director, Reutlingen Study Center, Valparaiso University, Reutlingen, Germany 2007--2009

Visiting Associate Professor of Theology, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 2004-2006

Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Portland, 2004¹

Associate Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Portland, 1998-2004

Assistant Professor of Theology, Concordia University, Portland, 1994-1998

Adjunct Professor of Theology, Concordia University, River Forest, Ill., 1994

¹ Although I reached the rank of full professor at Concordia University, I did not have tenure, as that university eliminated the institution of tenure in the 1980s and replaced it with a system of three-year rolling contracts.

COURSES TAUGHT (those with an asterisk have been taught at Valparaiso University)

Greek 101: Elementary Greek I
Greek 201: Elementary Greek II
Greek 401: Synoptic Gospels
Greek 402: Pauline Epistles
Humanities 151: The Humanistic Tradition: Pre-history to Reformation
Humanities 251: The Humanistic Tradition: Enlightenment to Contemporary
Humanities 299: War on Film
Religion 141: Introduction to Christian Theology
Religion 221: History and Literature of the New Testament
Theology 200: The Christian Tradition*
Theology 200OL: The Christian Tradition (six-week summer online course)*
Christ College 215: The Christian Tradition*
Theology 225: Foundations and Development of Christian Thought*
Theology 320: History and Theology of the Reformation*
Theology 320/History 390: Luther and J.S. Bach*
Religion 321: Synoptic Gospels
Religion 323: The Gospel of John
Theology 323: Theology since the Reformation*
Religion 324: The Letters of Paul
Theology 328: Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogues*
Theology 328/Christ College 330: German Christians and Nazi Germany*
Theology 328: Martin Luther and the Lutheran Confessional Tradition*
Theology 330: Religion and Literature: Tragedy*
Theology 330: Christian Theology in the 18th and 19th Centuries*
Theology 330/Christ College 330: Modern and Postmodern Theologies*
Theology 331: Christian Theology in the 20th Century*
Theology 348: Creation*
Theology 348OL: Creation (six-week summer online course)*
Religion 350/History 350: History of Christian Thought
Religion 351/History 351: Religion in American Life
German Studies 390: Topics in German Life and Culture*
Religion 399/History 399: Augustine of Hippo
Religion 399/History 399: Martin Luther
Religion 399/History 399: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Religion 399/History 399: Reinhold Niebuhr
Religion 441: Early Christian Thought
Religion 488/Biology 488/Psychology 488: Christian Theology and the Ethics of Life
Religion 488/Biology 488: Christian Theology and Environmental Ethics
Religion 488/Biology 488: Creation and Evolution
Theology 493: Senior Theology Seminar: The Theology of the Cross*
Religion 495/Theology 496: Senior Thesis (advisor to seven theses)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Editor, *Nineteenth-Century Lutheran Theologians* (Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) [forthcoming]

Editor, *A Daystar Reader* (Portland, Ore.: Daystar.net, 2010)

The Self-Giving God and Salvation History: The Trinitarian Theology of Johannes von Hofmann
(New York: T&T Clark, 2004)

Co-editor, *God Opens Doors: A Centennial Celebration of the Northwest District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod* (Portland, Ore.: Premier Press, 2000)

BOOK CHAPTERS:

- "Johannes von Hofmann," in *Nineteenth-Century Lutheran Theologians*, ed. Matthew Becker (Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) [forthcoming]
- "Edmund Schlink," in *Twentieth-Century Lutheran Theologians*, ed. Mark Mattes and Paul Rorem (Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) [forthcoming]
- "Werner Elert," in *Twentieth-Century Lutheran Theologians*, ed. Mark Mattes and Paul Rorem (Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht) [forthcoming]
- "Why a Daystar Reader? An Introduction," in *A Daystar Reader* (Portland, Ore.: Daystar.net, 2010), xi-xix
- "A Case for Female Pastors and Theologians," in *A Daystar Reader* (Portland, Ore.: Daystar.net, 2010), 126-140
- "The Scandal of the LCMS Mind" (revised), in *A Daystar Reader* (Portland, Ore.: Daystar.net, 2010), 165-184
- "Beyond the Open Door: Twenty-first Century Trends and Issues in the LCMS," in *God Opens Doors*, ed. Hans Spalteholz, Matthew Becker, and Dwaine Brandt, 235-268 (Portland, Ore.: Premier Press, 2000)

REFEREED ARTICLES:

- "The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod during the Great Depression," *Lutheran Quarterly* 25 (Spring 2011), 52-83
- "Edmund Schlink on Theological Anthropology, the Law, and the Gospel," *Lutheran Quarterly* 24 (Summer 2010), 151-82
- "Edmund Schlink (1903-1984)," *Lutheran Quarterly* 23 (Winter 2009), 406-438
- "The Shape of Theology as a University *Wissenschaft*: Schleiermacher's Reflection in Hofmann's *Theological Encyclopedia*," *Papers of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group* 37 (American Academy of Religion) (November 2006), 103-127
- "Werner Elert in Retrospect," *Lutheran Quarterly* 20 (Autumn 2006), 249-302
- "The Self-Giving God: The Trinity in Hofmann's Theology," *Pro Ecclesia* 12 (Fall 2003), 417-446
- "Hofmann's Revisionist Christology," *Lutheran Quarterly* 17 (Autumn 2003), 288-328
- "Appreciating the Life and Work of Johannes von Hofmann," *Lutheran Quarterly* 16 (Summer 2003), 177-198
- "Hofmann as *Ich-theologe*? The Object of Theology in Johannes von Hofmann's *Werke*," *Concordia Journal* 29 (July 2003), 265-293
- "Schweitzer's Quests for Jesus and Paul," *Concordia Journal* 28 (October 2002), 409-430
- "Missouri's Responses to the Great Hangover," *The Cresset* 55 (March 1992), 5-11.

ARTICLES FOR REFERENCE WORKS:

- "Lutheran Theology," "Promise and Fulfillment," "Salvation History," "Sola Fide," Sola Gratia," "Sola Scriptura," and "Solus Christus," in *The New Westminster Dictionary of Christian Theology*, ed. Dawn DeVries and Brian Gerrish (Louisville: Westminster/John Knox Press) [forthcoming]

BOOK REVIEWS:

Eilert Herms, "Kirche-Geschoepf und Werkzeug des Evangeliums," *Lutheran Quarterly* [forthcoming]

John Sippola et al., "Welcome Them Home--Help Them Heal," *Crossings* (Sep 1, 2011),
www.crossings.org/thursday/2011

Denis R. Alexander and Ronald L. Numbers, eds., "Biology and Ideology: From Descartes to Dawkins,"
Zygon (September 2011), 761-62

Carl E. Braaten, "Because of Christ," *The Cresset* [forthcoming]

Bruce Ward, "Redeeming the Enlightenment," *The Cresset* [forthcoming]

Calvin R. Stapert, "J. S. Bach," *The Cresset* [forthcoming]

Paul R. Hinlicky, "Paths Not Taken: Fates of Theology from Luther through Leibniz," *Lutheran Quarterly*
25 (Summer 2011), 200-203.

The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod's Commission on Theology and Church Relations, "The Creator's
Tapestry," *The Creator's Tapestry* (May 22, 2010),
<http://www.thecreatorstapestry.com/2010/05/tapestry-or-travesty/>

Friedrich Schleiermacher, "Christmas Eve Celebration," *Crossings* (December 23, 2010),
www.crossings.org/thursday/2010/thur122310.shtml

James Burkee, "Pastors and Politics: The Conservative Movement in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
1956-1981," *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2010), www.thedaystarjournal.com

Niels Gregersen, et al., "The Gift of Grace," *Concordia Journal* 34 (Oct 2008), 336-40

Paul McCain et al., "Concordia: A Reader's Edition of the Book of Concord,"
The Daystar Journal (Fall 2006), www.thedaystarjournal.com

Martin Doblmeier, "Bonhoeffer," Renate Bethge, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer," and Dietrich Bonhoeffer,
"Reflections on the Bible," *Concordia Journal* 32 (July 2006), 358-362

James Gustafson, "An Examined Faith," *Concordia Journal* 32 (July 2006), 349-354

Mark Mattes, "The Role of Justification in Contemporary Theology," *Lutheran Quarterly* 25 (Autumn
2005), 348-351

Timothy Wengert, ed., "Harvesting Martin Luther's Reflections On Theology, Ethics, and the Church,"
Concordia Journal 31 (July 2005), 323-27

Theodore Kleinhaus, "Till the Night Be Past," *Concordia Journal* 30 (October 2004), 409-10

Alister McGrath, "Christian Theology: An Introduction" and Alister McGrath, "The Christian Theology
Reader," *Concordia Journal* 28 (April 2002), 183-186

Millard Erickson, "The Evangelical Left," *Issues in Christian Education* (Spring 1998), 22-23

ECCLESIAL WRITINGS:

"What Good Is Theology?" *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2009), www.thedaystarjournal.com

"Christian Theology, the Doctrine of Creation, and Scientific Knowledge: Some Methodological

- Reflections," *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2008), www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "Studying Abroad at Valpo," *Valpo Lutheran Connection* (Summer 2008), 4-5
- "Wittenberg and Missional Ecumenism," *The Daystar Journal* (Spring 2008)
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "Reformationsfest 2007 in the Lutherländer," *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2007)
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "Response to Holger Sonntag," *Logia: A Lutheran Journal of Theology* (Spring 2007), 45-49
- "A Brief Response to the Decision of the Commission on Doctrinal Review," *The Daystar Journal*
(Fall 2006), www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "Jesus and Mary Magdalene: What Did Luther Say?" *The Christian Century* (May 16, 2006), 11
- "Female Theologians," *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2005), www.thedaystarjournal.com
- Review of Martin Marty, "Martin Luther," *The Daystar Journal* (Spring 2005)
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "The Scandal of the LCMS Mind: Creationism, Evolution, and Creation in Biblical-Theological
Perspective," *The Daystar Journal* (Summer 2005), www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "The Authority, the Content, and the Use of Holy Scripture by Martin Luther," *The Daystar Journal*
(Spring 2005), www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "The Whole Church is Christ's Mission: Education for the Mission," *The Daystar Journal* (Winter 2004)
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- Review of Scott Murray, "The Third Use of the Law in Modern American Lutheranism," *Thursday
Theology* (November 6 and 13, 2003), www.crossing.org/Thur110603.htm
- Review of Eberhard Bethge, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer," *The Daystar Journal* (Fall 2002),
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "Some Theses on Freedom and Discipline in the Christian Church," *The Daystar Journal* (Winter 1999)
www.thedaystarjournal.com
- "State of the Church Report," *Lutheran Forum* (Reformation 1991)

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- (Author) *The Promising Word: Essays on Lutheran Theology* (book)
- (Editor and Translator) *The Triune God of History: Theological Writings of Johannes von Hofmann* (book)
- (Editor and Translator) *The Living Gospel: Selected Sermons of Werner Elert* (book)
- (Author) *The Disciplines of Christian Theology* (book)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Theology as Story," Five Keynote Addresses, Northwest District (LCMS) Directors of Christian
Education Conference, Leavenworth, Washington (March 2011)
- "The Political and Ecclesial Context of Werner Elert's Theology," Crossings Conference, St. Louis

(January 2010)

- “The Service of the Theologian to the Church,” Crossings Conference, St. Louis (January 2007)
- “The Shape of Theology as a University *Wissenschaft*: Schleiermacher’s Reflection in Hofmann’s *Theological Encyclopedia*,” Joint Session of the 19th-Century Group and the Schleiermacher Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Washington, D.C. (November 2006)
- “Praying the Scriptures according to Martin Luther: Attentiveness to God, Self, Students, and Colleagues,” North American Conference of Lutheran High School Teachers of Religion, Valparaiso University (November 2006)
- “Texts, Time, and the Gospel: A History of Lutheran Hermeneutics,” 2006 North American Luther Congress, St. Paul, Minn. (April 2006)
- “A Lutheran Hermeneutic: Luther Our Contemporary,” Stole and Scroll, Valparaiso University (February 2006)
- “Bonhoeffer’s *Life Together*,” VU Church Vocations Retreat, Chesterton, Ind. (September 2005)
- “The Whole Church is Christ’s Mission: Education for the Mission,” Daystar Theological Conference, St. Louis, Mo. (January 2004)
- “Hofmann’s Christology,” Pre-Seminary Theological Conference, St. Louis, Mo. (September 2003)
- “The History and Present Status of Lutheranism in America,” Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen, Germany (May 2003)
- “The Structure of Scientific Revolutions and the Oxfordian Proposition,” The Seventh Annual Edward de Vere Studies Conference, Portland, Ore. (April 2003)
- “The Self-Giving God: The Trinitarian Thought of Johannes von Hofmann,” LCMS Theological Professors’ Conference, Dallas, Tex. (March 2003)
- “The Divine Service and Human Service: A Theology of Christian Worship,” Circuits 4-5 Pastoral Conference, Woodburn, Ore. (January 2003)
- “Reflections toward an Appropriate Theological Understanding of the Natural Sciences,” Pre-seminary Theological Conference, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. (September 2002)
- “Hofmann as Ich-theologe? The Object of Theology in Johannes von Hofmann’s *Werke*,” Theological Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. (September 2002)
- “Reflections and Theses toward an Appropriate Theological Understanding of the Natural Sciences,” Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, Vancouver, Wash. (May 2002)
- “Trinitarian Historicity and *Kenosis* in the Theology of Johannes von Hofmann,” AAR Annual Meeting, Pacific Northwest Region, Eugene, Ore. (May 2002)
- “The Advent of Our God,” Oregon Pastors Conference, Cannon Beach, Ore. (October 2001)
- “Options and Issues in Contemporary Trinitarian Theology,” Alaska Pastors Conference, Homer, Alaska (October 2001)
- “The Trinitarian Theology of Johannes von Hofmann,” Capitol Circuit Pastoral Conference, Salem,

Ore. (September 2001)

“Academic Freedom from a Lutheran Perspective,” Lutheran-Roman Catholic Theologians’ Conference, Portland, Ore. (March 2001)

“Christian Public Theology in Oregon: A Lutheran-Roman Catholic Conversation,” Oregon Public Broadcasting Radio, Portland, Ore. (November 2000)

“Theological Hermeneutics,” Circuits 2-3 Pastoral Conference, Yachats, Ore. (June 2000)

“A Response to the JDDJ,” Lutheran-Roman Catholic Theologians’ Conference, Portland, Ore. (December 1999)

“Cross Talk: On Being a Theologian of the Cross,” KKPZ Radio, Portland, Ore. (March-April 1998)

“When Women Speak for God,” Different Voices/Shared Vision Conference, Chicago, Ill. (November 1997)

“Men and Women in Ministry Together,” Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, Portland, Ore. (September 1997)

“The Doctrine of the Divine Call and the Office of Pastor,” Circuit Counselors’ Retreat, Portland, Ore. (August 1997)

“New Testament Eschatology,” Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, Portland, Ore. (May 1997)

“Preaching First Peter,” Oregon Pastors Conference, Ashland, Ore. (April 1996)

“Easter Texts for Cycle C,” Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, Portland, Ore. (March 1995)

“The Apostolic Fathers on the Doctrine of Holy Ministry,” Circuit 8 Pastoral Conference, Elgin, Ill. (April 1994)

“The Renaissance of Ernst Troeltsch,” Theological Conference, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (June 1993)

“The LCMS in the Great Depression,” Concordia Symposium, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (May 1992)

CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“The Gospel of Matthew,” Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Michigan City, Ind. (November 2010-present)

“Revelation,” Our Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS), Knox, Ind. (October 2010)

“The Protestant Reformation and the Roman Catholic Church,” St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, Valparaiso, Ind. (April 2010)

“A Tour of the Luther Sites in Contemporary Germany,” Faith Memorial Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind. (October 2009)

“Tricky Texts on Women,” Faith Memorial Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind. (November 2006)

“Creation and Evolution,” Grace Lutheran Church (ELCA), River Forest, Ill. (October-November 2006)

“First Peter,” Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind. (March-April 2006)

- “A Theology of Prayer,” Faith Memorial Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind. (September 2005)
- “The Nature and Purpose of Systematic Theology: Luther, Melanchthon, and Bonhoeffer,”
Faith Memorial Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind. (April-May, 2005)
- “St. Bonhoeffer,” Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Portland, Ore. (April 2003)
- “Augustine of Hippo,” Southminster Presbyterian Church (PCUSA), Beaverton, Ore. (October 2001)
- “A Review of the Reformation,” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Beaverton, Ore.
(October-November 1999)
- “Theological Emphases in the Gospel of John,” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS),
Beaverton, Ore. (September-October 1997)
- “The History of Christianity,” Trinity Lutheran School (LCMS), Bend, Ore. (July 1997)
- “God is Here and Not Yet,” Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS), Hillsboro, Ore. (December 1996)
- “The Intertestamental Period,” Resurrection Lutheran Church (ELCA), Portland, Ore. (September
1996)
- “Introduction to the Old Testament,” Trinity Lutheran School (LCMS), Bend, Ore. (July 1996)
- “A Survey of the New Testament,” Prince of Peace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Beaverton, Ore.
(April-May 1996)
- “The Theology of Bonhoeffer,” Resurrection Lutheran Church (ELCA), Portland, Ore. (March 1996)
- “Introduction to the New Testament,” Trinity Lutheran School (LCMS), Bend, Ore. (July 1995)
- “The Augsburg Confession,” Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Portland, Ore. (June 1995)
- “The Intertestamental Period,” St. Andrew Lutheran Church (ELCA), Beaverton, Ore. (May 1995)
- “The Gospel of Luke,” St. Michael Lutheran Church (LCMS), Portland, Ore. (December 1994
through January 1995)
- “The Letters of Paul,” Ascension Lutheran Church (LCMS), Portland, Ore. (November 1994)

ADDITIONAL UNIVERSITY SERVICE

FOCUS advisor, Valparaiso University, 2011
 Search Committee for the Executive Director of Campus Ministries, Valparaiso University, 2010
 Search Committee for the ELCA Pastor of the Chapel, Valparaiso University, 2010-2011
 Valpo Representative, LCMS Indiana District Pastors Conference, 2010
 Member, General Education Committee, Valparaiso University, 2010-present
 Lilly Fellow Mentor (Piotr Malysz), Valparaiso University, 2010-present
 Co-chaplain, Fellowship Hall, Guild-Memorial Hall, Valparaiso University, 2010-present
 Chapel Associate, Chapel of the Resurrection (preaching on Sunday mornings and evenings), 2009-present
 Chair, Working Group on Cultivating Personal and Social Responsibility, Valparaiso University, 2009
 Participant, Task Force on Compelling Education, Valparaiso University, 2009
 Panel Participant, Lutheranism Today, Valpo Homecoming and Alumni Reunion, 2009
 Director, Reutlingen Study Center, Valparaiso University, Reutlingen, Germany, 2007-2009
 Bach Symposium Participant, Valparaiso University, 2006
 Lilly Fellows Selection Committee, Valparaiso University, 2005-2007, 2009--2011

Junior Lilly Fellows Selection Committee, Valparaiso University, 2010
Allen Scholarship Committee, Valparaiso University, 2004-2005
Church Vocations Mentor, Valparaiso University, 2004-2005, 2006-2007
Faculty Representative, University Curriculum Committee, Concordia University, 1998-2002
Director, Pre-seminary Program, Concordia University, 1995-2002
Director, Consider the Call Spiritual Retreat, Concordia University, 1995-2002
Chair, Community Life Committee, Concordia University, 1997-1998
Host and Manager, University Guest House, Concordia University, 1995-1998
Faculty Representative, Community Life Committee, Concordia University, 1995-1998

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Michigan City, Ind., October 2010-present
Editorial Advisor, *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2008-present
Theological Advisor, Northwest District, LCMS, 1995-2004
Webpage master, *The Daystar Journal*, 2010-present
Theologian-in-Residence, Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Ashland, Ore., July, 2002
Secretary of the Northwest District, LCMS, 2000-2004
Co-founder, Daystar Network Listserv (email listserv of 700+ ELCA/LCMS clergy and laypeople), 1999-present (president, 2009-11)
Chair, Northwest District Bylaws Task Force, LCMS, 1998
Board of Directors, Northwest District, LCMS, 1997-2004
Assistant Secretary of the Northwest District, LCMS, 1997-2000
Assisting Minister, St. Michael Lutheran Church (LCMS), Portland, Ore., 1994-2002
Secretary, Circuit 8, Northern Illinois District, LCMS, 1991-1993
Interim Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Chicago, Ill., 1992-1993
Associate Pastor, Bethlehem Lutheran Church (LCMS), Dundee, Ill., 1989-1994
Ordained Pastor in the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS), 1989

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Valpo Guild Grant for classroom technology purchase, \$1500, 2007
Valpo Travel Grant for German course development, \$1000, 2007
Valpo CELT Grant for new course development, \$1500, 2006
Award of Commendation (major publications) for *God Opens Doors*, Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, Mo., 2001
Ph.D. *with distinction*, University of Chicago, 2001
Northwest District LCMS, \$15,000 for publication, 2000
Concordia Faculty Research and Travel Grant to Germany, \$1500, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 2003
University of Chicago Scholarship Grants, 1988-92
B.A. *cum laude*, Concordia University, Portland, 1984

MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Society of Church History
International Bonhoeffer Society
Lutheran Historical Conference
Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS), Valparaiso, Ind.

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (reading), Attic and Koine Greek (reading), Latin (reading), German (fluent), and French (reading).

MISCELLANEOUS

I regularly keep a blog, "Transverse Markings," located at www.matthewlbecker.blogspot.com
Cited as an expert in theology in the Portland *Oregonian*, 7/5/01, 7/14/01, 4/6/03, 9/18/03, 2/2/04
Interviewed as an expert in theology on KOIN (CBS) television, Portland, Ore., 1996, 1997

Vice President of the Porter County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, 2010-present

PERSONAL

I am married to Detra R. Becker. We have one son, Jacob, who is twelve years old.