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ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF REFORMATION HISTORY
GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2008

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary, 2001

B.A., Saint Olaf College, 1996

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Associate Professor of Reformation History, 2018 – present

Assistant Professor of Reformation History, 2012 – 2018

Visiting Assistant Professor of Reformation History, 2010 – 2012

Courses:

- History of Christian Thought and Practice II (Reformation to present)
- Women and the Reformation
- Persecution and Toleration in the Reformation
- The Reformation of Christian Practice
- Theology of Martin Luther
- The Church in the Middle Ages
- Devotional Writings of the Early Modern Period
- History of Christian Social Action

Loyola University Chicago, Department of Theology

Adjunct Professor, Fall 2008

- Religion in America

Princeton University, Department of Religion

Lecturer, Spring 2006

- Catholic Theology after the Second Vatican Council

Princeton Theological Seminary, Department of History

Teaching Assistant, 2002-2005

- Theology of Martin Luther
- Introduction to Church History I
- Introduction to Church History II

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Reforming Faith: The Wittenberg Circle and the Reformation of Christian Life (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2026).

Fleeing Plague: Medieval Wisdom for a Modern Health Crisis, annotated and co-edited with Mary Jane Haemig (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2023).

How the Reformation Began: The Quincentennial Perspective, co-edited with Nicholas Hopman (Portland, ME: Pickwick Press, 2022).

Beyond Indulgences: Luther's Reform of Late Medieval Piety, 1518-1520, Early Modern Studies Series 21 (Kirkville, MO: Truman State University Press, 2017).

The Reformation as Christianization: Essays on Scott Hendrix's Christianization Thesis, co-edited with John A. Maxfield (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012).

Articles and Book Chapters

"Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt and the Supremacy of Scripture," in *Oxford Handbook of the Bible and the Reformation*, eds. Jennifer Powell McNutt and Herman J. Selderhuis (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024), 280 – 290.

"Spreading the Word in the Vernacular in the Sixteenth Century," *Lutherjahrbuch* 90, (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2023), 40 – 60.

"Ecumenist and Controversialist: The Dual Legacy of Nicholas von Zinzendorf" *Journal of Religious History* Vol. 38, No. 2 (June 2014): 241 – 262.

"Luther's Small Catechism" in *Lutherjahrbuch* 80, ed. Christopher Spehr (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2013), 256 – 260.

"Law and Gospel," with Lubomir Batka, in *T&T Clark Companion to Reformation Theology*, ed. David Whitford (London: T&T Clark, 2012), 72 – 85.

Translations, Annotations, and Reference Works

Entry for "Indulgences" in *The Mohr Siebeck Companion to the Late Middle Ages (1300 – 1500)*, eds. Ingo Klitzsch, Volker Leppin, and Ulrike Treusch (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, under contract).

Introduction and Annotations to "Luther's Report on the Articles Attributed to Him by His Enemies" in *American Edition of Luther's Works*, volume 71, eds. Christopher Boyd Brown and Benjamin Mayes (St. Louis: Concordia Press, under contract).

Entries on Justus Jonas, Friedrich Myconius, Urbanus Rhegius, and Georg Spalatin in *Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions*, eds. Timothy J. Wengert, et al (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic, 2017).

Introduction and annotations to “Whether One Should Flee the Deadly Plague” and “Sermon on Preparing to Die” in *The Annotated Luther*, volume 4, ed. Mary Jane Haemig (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2016), 283-305; 385-409.

Translations of "Reform, Reformation, Confession: The Development of New Forms of Religious Meaning from the Manifold Tensions of the Middle Ages," by Berndt Hamm, and "Polarities in Conflict: The Late Medieval Roots of the Disputes between the Reformers and their Opponents," by Volker Leppin, in *The Reformation as Christianization: Essays on Scott Hendrix's Christianization Theses*, eds. Anna Marie Johnson and John A. Maxfield (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2012).

Entries on Anfechtung, Astrology, Gabriel Biel, Lucas Cranach, Diet of Worms, Desiderius Erasmus, Frederick the Wise, Humanism, Indulgences, Andreas Bodenstein von Karlstadt, Leipzig Disputation, and Witchcraft in *Companion to Reformation Theology*, ed. David Whitford (London: T&T Clark, 2012).

Introduction and annotations to "Prefaces for the Postils of Antonius Corvinus," *American Edition of Luther's Works*, volume 60, eds. Christopher Boyd Brown and Benjamin Mayes (St. Louis: Concordia Press, 2011), 103-110.

Translation of “Martin Luther Reconsidered for 2017,” by Volker Leppin, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 22 No. 4 (Winter 2008): 373-386.

Book Reviews

The Reformation of Prayer among Sixteenth-Century Lutherans by Mary Jane Haemig, in *Journal of Religious History*, in press.

Teach Us to Pray: The Lord's Prayer, Catechesis, and Ritual Reform in the Sixteenth Century by Katharine Mahon, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 37, No. 1 (Spring 2023): 97-99.

Reformation of the Senses: The Paradox of Religious Belief and Practice in Germany by Jacob M. Baum, in *American Historical Review*, Vol. 125, No. 3 (June 2020): 1097-1098.

Luther's Wittenberg World: The Reformer's Family, Friends, Followers, and Foes by Robert Kolb, in *Concordia Journal*, Vol. 45, No. 2 (Spr 2019): 99-100.

A Short Life of Martin Luther by Thomas Kaufmann, in *The Catholic Historical Review*, Vol. 103, No. 4 (Fall 2017): 822.

The Reformation of Suffering: Pastoral Theology and Lay Piety in Late Medieval and Early Modern Germany by Ronald K. Rittgers, in *The Cresset*, Vol. 90 No. 1 (Michaelmas 2016): 44-46.

Dying, Death, Burial and Commemoration in Reformation Europe edited by Elizabeth Tingle and Jonathan Willis, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 30 No. 2 (Summer 2016): 235-236.

Die Bereitung zum Sterben: Studien zu den frühen reformatorischen Sterbebüchern by Luise Schottroff, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 28 No. 2 (Summer 2014): 238-240.

Between Lay Piety and Academic Theology: Studies Presented to Christoph Burger on the Occasion of his 65th Birthday edited by Ulrike Hascher-Burger, et al., in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. 43 No. 2 (Summer 2012): 517-519.

I am a Christian: The Nun, the Devil, and Martin Luther by Carolyn Schneider, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 25 No. 4 (Winter 2011): 474-475.

The Pastoral Luther edited by Timothy Wengert, in *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. 41 No. 3 (Fall 2010): 977-978.

Martin Luther as Comforter: Writings on Death by Neil R. Leroux, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 22 No. 3 (Autumn 2008): 368-369.

Luther's Spirituality translated and edited by Philip D.W. Krey and Peter D.S. Krey, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 22 No. 2 (Summer 2008): 232-233.

A Reformation Life: Katharina von Bora by Rudolf K. Markwald and Marilyn Morris Markwald, in *Church History*, Vol. 74 No.3 (September 2005): 611-612.

Renaissance Humanism in Support of the Gospel in Luther's Early Correspondence by Timothy Dost, in *Lutheran Quarterly*, Vol. 18 No. 3 (Autumn 2004): 369-370.

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Early Reforms of Daily Worship in Wittenberg," seminar presentation at the International Congress for Luther Research, Aarhus, Denmark, August 13, 2026.

"Spreading the Word into the Vernacular in the Sixteenth Century," keynote lecture at the International Congress for Luther Research, Thousand Oaks, CA, August 15, 2022.

"Luther's Understanding of the Passion, Suffering, and Piety," seminar presentation at the International Congress for Luther Research, Thousand Oaks, CA, August 18, 2022.

“Christian Ethics in Times of Plague,” Kessler Conversations at Pitts Library of Emory University, September 2, 2020. Theme: Disease, Healing, and Pastoral Care - Challenges and Opportunities for the 16th and 21st Centuries.

“Reflections on the Reformation’s 500th: A New Luther?” at the Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 1, 2018.

“The Jews and Christian Faith in Luther’s Early Pastoral Writings,” seminar presentation at the International Congress for Luther Research, Wittenberg, Germany, August 1, 2017.

“Pastor Luther: The Practical Roots of the Reformation,” seminar presentation at the International Congress for Luther Research, Helsinki, August 10, 2012.

“Play and Playfulness in Martin Luther’s Theological Framework,” Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Chicago, April 4, 2009.

“‘On Account of the Weak’: Devotion to the Saints and the Development of Luther’s Pastoral Theology,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, October 23, 2008.

“Methodological Considerations for Analyzing Popular Sixteenth-century Texts,” History Department Colloquium at Princeton Theological Seminary, March 6, 2006.

“Luther’s Earliest Critiques of Piety,” Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, February 11, 2005.

“An Introduction to Reformation Pamphlets in the Princeton Seminary Archives,” Princeton Theological Seminary, December 8, 2004.

“The Piety of Death and Dying in Early Modern Europe,” Princeton Theological Seminary, April 19, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Continuation Committee of the International Congress for Luther Research, 2026-present
- Seminar Leader, “Wittenberg in the 1520s,” International Congress for Luther Research, Aarhus, Denmark, August 9-15, 2026
- Board of Directors, *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2025-present
- Advisory Board, *Lutherjahrbuch*, 2024-present
- Prize Committee, Bainton Prize in Religion and Theology, Sixteenth Century Society, 2023-25

- Peer reviewer for Cambridge University Press, *Harvard Theological Review*, *Lutheran Quarterly*, and *Lutherjahrbuch*
- Organizer and Host, North American Luther Forum at Garrett-Evangelical, April 17, 2021
- Council of Editorial Advisors, *Lutheran Quarterly*, 2012-2025

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Mellon Foundation/ American Council of Learned Societies Fellow, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Research Grant, American Friends of the Herzog August Bibliothek, 2007
- Princeton Doctoral Fellow, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2001-2008
- Educational Grant, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2001-2006
- Merit Scholar, Princeton Theological Seminary, 1998-2001

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Sixteenth Century Society
- American Society of Church Historians
- Society for Reformation Research
- Luthergesellschaft
- American Friends of the Herzog August Bibliothek

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- History of Christian practices and spirituality
- Luther and Lutheran theology and practice
- Social action and communal care in historical Christianity
- Popular religious literature in the Reformation
- Gender and sexuality in the Reformation
- Plurality, toleration, and identity in Early Modern Europe

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in German
- Reading knowledge of French, Latin, Biblical Hebrew and New Testament Greek