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Education

Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary (New York).
M.A., Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.
M.S.W., Adelphi University (Certified, N.Y. State).
Graduate work in sociology, SUNY-Stony Brook.
Fulbright Fellowship, University of Heidelberg.
B.A. (history), Swarthmore College.

Professional experience

1996-present. *Assistant Professor of Religion*, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN.
1996-present. *Center Associate for Studies in Faith and Ethics*, Minnesota Center for Health Care Ethics, Minneapolis, MN.
1996. *Lecturer*, Department of Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.
1995-1996. *Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion*, Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
1990-94. *Project editor*, Encyclopedia of Bioethics, 2nd ed. Macmillan Publishing Co., New York, NY.
1983-86. *Program officer* for Central America, Department of World Service, Lutheran World Federation, Geneva, Switzerland. Based in El Salvador.
1981-83. *Coordinator for Central American Concerns*, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, New York, NY.
1969-76. *Book editor*, Stein & Day/Publishers, Briarcliff Manor, NY.

Courses taught

Studies in Religion; Liberation Theologies from Latin America, Africa, and Asia; Twentieth-Century Theologians; Christologies; God and Gender; Christian Social Ethics; Ethics and Medicine; Senior Thesis Seminar; Joan of Arc and Amelia Earhart: Heroes and Legends (FTS); Women and Evil (J-term); Heaven and Hell: Where Do We Go from Here? (J-term); Where in the World Is El Salvador? (J-term); Children of Hope: Health Care and Education in El Salvador (J-term Travel Course)

Books

Compelling Knowledge: A Feminist Proposal for an Epistemology of the Cross (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997).

Books co-edited

Culhane-Pera, Kathie; Phua Xiong; Dorothy E. Vawter; Barbara Babbitt; and Mary M. Solberg, eds. Healing by Heart: Case Stories about Hmong Families and Western Health Care Professionals (forthcoming from Vanderbilt University Press).

Gervais, Karen G.; Reinhard Priester; Dorothy E. Vawter; Kimberly Otte; and Mary M. Solberg, eds. Ethical Challenges in Managed Care: A Casebook (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 1999).

Translations

Altmann, Walter. Luther and Liberation: A Latin American Perspective (Minneapolis: Fortress, 1992).

Gómez Soto, Bishop Medardo. Fire Against Fire: Christian Ministry Face-to-Face with Persecution (Minneapolis: Augsburg, 1990).

Other publications

"Cross Talk: A Feminist Appreciation of Luther's Theology," Bangalore (India) Theological Forum XXXIV, no. 1 (June 2002).

Co-author and co-editor (with Dr. Ronald Duty), Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Our Ministry of Healing: Health and Health Care Today, a 68-page study document for ELCA clergy, congregations, and social ministry organizations in preparing a church-wide social statement on health and health care to be adopted in the summer of 2003. Published in 2001 and available from the ELCA/Division for Church in Society, 8765 W. Higgins Rd., Chicago, IL 60631-4190.

"Teaching Bioethics: A Contribution from the Edge," chapter for book project emerging from 1998-99 AAR/Lilly Teaching Workshop (forthcoming).

Book review of The Promise of Lutheran Ethics, ed. by Karen L. Bloomquist and John R. Stumme (Minneapolis, Minn.: Fortress, 1998), Dialog 38, no. 2 (Spring 1999).

"Notes Toward an Epistemology of the Cross," Currents in Theology and Mission 24, no. 1 (February 1997).

Editor, "'A' Is for Ethics: An Alphabet of Action" by John W. Bowker, The Boardman Lectureship in Christian Ethics, no. 28 (Philadelphia: Department of Religion Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 1997).

"Working on the Church: A Contribution to Lutheran Ecclesiology," Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology 2, no. 1 (August 1994).

"Concerning the Proper Name of God: Some Comments on Robert Jenson's Discussion of 'The Masculinity of 'Father'," Dialog 30, no. 4 (Autumn 1991).

"Some Thoughts on Church, Ministry, and Mission," Currents in Theology and Mission 17, no. 4 (April 1990).

"Reflections on the Work of the Holy Spirit," Currents in Theology and Mission 16, no. 2 (August 1989).

Co-editor, Pregúntenos: A Resource Guide on Central America, published by Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 1990.

Co-editor, Seeking Safe Haven: A Congregational Guide to Helping Central American Refugees in the United States, published jointly by LIRS, CWS, AFSC, IRTFCA/NCC, 1982.

The Salvadoran Situation, study commissioned and distributed by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, 1981.

Papers and presentations

- “Use Your Gifts!’ A Teaching Theologian’s Reflections on the Context, the Tradition, and the Challenge.” Invited keynote address delivered to Annual Meeting of South Dakota Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Mitchell, SD, June 2002.
- “Cross-Talk: A Feminist Appreciation of Luther’s Theology.” Invited paper for annual meeting of Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians, Denver, November 2001. (Because of illness, the paper was not delivered in person, but read by another participant and responded to by an Anglican theologian.)
- “Cross-Talk: A Feminist Appreciation of Luther’s Theology.” Invited lecture delivered at United Theological College, Bangalore, India, July 2001.
- Author Breakfast on Compelling Knowledge: A Feminist Proposal for an Epistemology of the Cross, Society of Christian Ethics annual meeting, Chicago, January 2001.
- “Can We Have a Theology of the Cross in the Midst of Plenty?” Invited plenary paper presented at Convocation of Lutheran Teaching Theologians, Chicago, August 2000.
- “The Ethics of Teaching (Bio)Ethics: Some Shared Reflections.” Paper presented as part of panel on “The Ethics of Teaching Ethics” at the American Academy of Religion, Upper Midwest Regional Meeting, St. Paul, April 1999.
- “Cyberflesh: An Embodied Feminist Pedagogy for Science and Religion.” Paper presented, with Ann M. Pederson, Ph.D., at the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 1997.
- “Voices from the Margins: How They Emerge from, Challenge, and Affect Lutheran Ethics.” Panel presentation at Annual Meeting of Lutheran Ethicists, Cincinnati, January 8-10, 1997.
- “Thinking Out Loud About Teaching Bioethics: A Contribution from the Edge.” Invited paper delivered at the Templeton Workshop on Religion and Science, Chicago, June 1996.
- “Luther and Feminists Talk Epistemology.” Invited paper presented at the Templeton Workshop on Religion and Science, Chicago, June 1996.
- “The Location of Human Life: A Response and Critique to Philip Hefner.” Paper presented, with Ann M. Pederson, Ph.D., at the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 1995.
- “Health Care Ethics: How Women Make a Difference.” Lecture presented at the Center for Ethics and Caring, University of South Dakota School of Medicine, Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, SD, May 1995.
- “And They Would Have Us Remember the Poor...’: Poverty as a Theological Concept in the Work of Gutiérrez, Mveng, and Pieris.” Paper presented at the American Academy of Religion, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, November 1992.

Honors/awards

- Tech Bridge awardee, Gustavus Adolphus College, summer 2002.
- Participant, Lilly grant-funded Faculty Development Workshop on Vocation, June 2001.
- Participant, IMLS Faculty Workshop on Enhancing Developmental Research Skills in

Undergraduate Curriculum, June 2000.
Recipient, Research, Creativity, and Scholarship Award, 2000-2001.
Finalist, Bunn-Swenson Award for Teaching (awarded by Gustavus students), 2000.
Participant, AAR/Lilly Teaching Workshop, 1998-99.
Participant, Convocation of Lutheran Teaching Theologians, 1998, 2000-present.
Invited participant, 1999 Lutheran World Federation consultation, "Communio, Community, Society," Chicago.
Participant, "Vocation of a Lutheran Church-Related College" conference, Carthage College, 1997.
Daniel Day Williams Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary.
Ph.D. Fellowship, Union Theological Seminary.
North American Ministerial Fellowship (for study at Luther Seminary).
Fulbright Fellowship (to University of Heidelberg).

Service to the Gustavus Adolphus College community

Member and Secretary, Academic Operations Committee, 2002-present.
Faculty Senate, 1998-2001.
Member, Ad Hoc Task Force on Domestic Partner Benefits, 1996-1999.

Chair, Search Committee for one-year Religion Department appointment, summer, 2002.
Member, various search committees within Religion Department, 1997-present.
Member, Search Committee for Dean of the Faculty and V.P. for Academic Affairs, 2000-2001.
Diversity representative, Spanish language search committee, 2001-2002.
Diversity representative, Math/Computer Science search committee, 1999-2000.
Invited non-department reviewer for member of music faculty, Spring 2000.

Faculty advisor, 2002 First-year student orientation.
Advisor, Share (student Christian organization), 1998-2002.
Advisory Board, Building Bridges Conference, 2000-2001.
Faculty advisor, June registration for incoming first-year students, 1999-present.
Faculty member of College Judicial Board, 1999-.
Evaluator, Best of Gustavus Student Writing, 1998-99.
Faculty panel member, New Student Orientation program, 1997, 1999.
Rundstrom Roundtable speaker, invited by students, Fall 1998.

Vocal soloist, Spring Concert of St. Ansgar's Chorus, May 2002.
Vocal soloist, Minnesota Valley Sommarfest, July 2001.
Participant, Christmas in Christ Chapel, 1996.
Homilist (twice yearly) and occasional vocal soloist, Christ Chapel, 1996-present.

Member of planning committee and presenter, 2002 Nobel Conference.
Faculty host, Nobel Conference, 2000, 2002.

Presenter, Faculty Shop Talk, September 2002.
Citorator, conferral of honorary degree on ELCA Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson, Commencement, 2001.
Member, planning committee, Lilly project on vocation, 1999-2000.
Coordinator, 1997-present, "Tuesday Conversations," occasional programs sponsored by

Department of Religion aimed to engage college community in reflection on issues related to religion.

Workshop leader, GAC Association of Congregations Day, Spring 1997.

Planner and speaker for two of three "Conversations on Community," sponsored by the Sponberg Chair in Ethics, 1997-98.

Participant, Partners in Education program, 1996-present.

Member, Board of Directors, Friends of Linnaeus Arboretum, 1999-present.

Summer gardener (paid position), Rose Garden, Gustavus Arboretum, 1997-present.

Memberships

American Academy of Religion

Lutheran Women in Theological Education

American Society for Bioethics and Humanities

Society of Christian Ethics

Planning Committee, Convocation of Lutheran Teaching Theologians, 2000-02.

Advisory Board, Second Opinion, journal of The Park Ridge Center for Faith, Ethics, and Health Care, Chicago, IL, 2000-2002.

Languages

English, Spanish, German. Fluency in speaking, reading, writing, translating.